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INTRODUCTION.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE question of the compilation and more especial purpose of the Manuscript in the Library of the College of Arms, known as the "Register of the Second Abbacy "of John Whethamstede," has been the subject of discussion in the introductory pages to the preceding Volume; the nature of its contents, regarded in an historical point of view, will now be briefly considered.

The compilation and more especial purpose of the Register of the Second Abbacy of John Whethamstede.

This so-called "Register," as suggested in the Introduction above mentioned, is in all probability a compilation, at least in part, from original Registers of the Monastery of St. Alban's, belonging to the second abbacy, and latter part of the life, of Abbot Whethamstede; books in which there had been entries made, we may presume, from time to time, of the political events and remarkable transactions of the day, the fame of which, by one channel or another, had reached the monks of the Abbey or the inmates of the town; doomed as they were, situate on the great high-road leading from the North of England to the South, to become ever and anon, not only listeners to news of troubles past or about to come, but unwilling spectators, and victims as well, of the lawless spirit which at the moment reigned rampant, from the highest to the lowest ranks throughout the land.

A compilation, probably, from original Registers, containing entries of the political events of the day.

Contemporary notices of the Wars of the Roses, or rather, to speak more strictly, of the First Act of the protracted struggle known by that name, the space or

Paucity of contemporary notices of

the earlier part of the Wars of the Roses.

time that lay between the first Battle of St. Alban's, in May 1455, and the Battle of [1]Towton, at the end of March 1461, are comparatively [2]few in number; and we are almost wholly indebted for what little information we possess in reference to this really momentous subject,—much less indeed than has come down to us relative to many events which happened a century earlier, in the reign of Edward the Third,—to such official documents as have survived to these times, the Rolls of Parliament more especially, the Paston Letters, and the statements made, upon whatever authority, by later English Chroniclers, such as Fabyan, Hall, and Stowe. Always bearing in mind the *Itinerarium* of William de Wyrcestre,—if indeed we can recognize in so [3]peculiar a work an exception to the spirit of the remark,—we can hardly withhold our assent to Sir James Mackintosh, in his assertion that at the time of "The "Wars of the Roses" the race of Latin annalists, whom the monastic system of centuries had trained, had at last [4]died out; and that, between them and the rise of our English historians, the period in question—to the great inconvenience of modern inquirers—forms an isolated space, comparatively barren of authorities. The Second and Third Continuations, it is true, of the spurious Chronicle known under the name of "Ingulfus," as being written in Latin and by successive inmates of the Abbey of Croyland, may be looked upon, in some sense, as partaking of the nature of monastic annals, or Abbey Chronicles; but their principal value—and the value of

Account of such few notices as we possess.

The race of Latin annalists had then died out.

The Continuations of "Ingulfus," their historical value.

[1] Called, in general terms, the "Battle of Ferrybridge," in pages 387, 408, and 410. The battle, in fact, may be said to have commenced at Ferrybridge on Saturday, the 28th of March, and to have ended at Towton on Palm Sunday, the 29th.

[2] These authorities have been ably reviewed in an article on "The "Wars of the Roses," Vol. I. of the *English Review*, 1844.

[3] Written in Latin, on fragments of paper; apparently, as the inquiring traveller moved about from place to place.

[4] See the Introduction to Vol. I. of the *Annales* of John de Amundesham, pp. ix. x.

the second one, more particularly, is not small—lies not in what they state as to the earlier period of the strife between the Houses of York and Lancaster, but in the exclusive information that is to be found in them relative to a later date; when the [1] so-called Earl of March had become established on the throne, as Edward the Fourth, only to be for a moment disturbed in its possession by the temporary restoration of the weak, irresolute, and incapable, Henry the Sixth.

The Register of Whethamstede's Second Abbacy, of no inconsiderable value.

Jejune as a contribution to our history, as in many respects it must be owned to be, the Register of John Whethamstede's Second Abbacy, as conveying the testimony of one or more contemporaries, ([2] anonymous though they are), in reference to the political events of the times, is of no inconsiderable value, in a comparative point of view; and this, too, for reasons, we have every right to suppose, anything but pleasant or satisfactory to those who contributed the various items of current history, which are found interspersed among the many details of private Abbey life which form the main staple of its pages.

The present Register due, probably, to the fact of two of the great battles of the

So entirely for [3] many years had the Abbey of St. Alban's, once the great nursing-mother of annalists, as she may be fairly called, closed her *Scriptorium* to the perpetuation of anything in the way of chronicle or historic narrative, that it is hardly perhaps unreasonable to suggest that the present Register, (whether viewed as

[1] The Earldom, in reality, became extinct, on the death of Edmund Mortimer, in 1424. Richard, Duke of York, his nephew, appears to have assumed this title, and it was also borne by his son, Edward, (afterwards Edward the Fourth), during the life of his father. He is known by this title throughout the work now under consideration.

[2] See the Introduction to Vol. I. p. xv.

[3] The latest Chronicle written at St. Alban's, giving anything like the general news of each year, ends with 1431; it will be found printed in the First Volume of Amundesham, in this Series, before the *Annales*. To all appearance, it was the work, on his own account, of some inmate of the Abbey of St. Alban's.

Wars of the Roses having been fought at St. Alban's.

an original work, or, as seems [1] more probable, a compilation), never would have had a place at all among the latest of our monastic Chronicles, had it not been for the unfortunate fact, as noticed in the [2] Introduction to the preceding Volume, of the locality being, almost to its [3] undoing, the scene of two of the great events which characterized the sanguinary struggle between the Houses of York and Lancaster; a suggestion, in strong corroboration of which we have the fact,—as seen in the earlier contents of the present Volume,—that later Registers of the same Abbey are still in existence, which, though replete with matters of significant interest in many points of view, are destitute of all details whatever of current events of a direct political value.

Later Registers of the Abbey destitute of all details of direct political interest.

Possibility of Whethamstede's attendance in Parliament, in his later years.

It is possible that Whethamstede, as a mitred Abbot, notwithstanding his declining years and his many [4] infirmities, may have been at times in attendance in his place in Parliament during these momentous times; and indeed [5] Hallam has suggested that he was a personal witness of the remarkable conduct of the Duke of York, described in the [6] Register, (and afterwards by Hall and other chroniclers), when, upon his return from Ireland in 1460, he appeared before the assembled peers of Parliament, and by his significant gestures seemed, though hesitatingly, to manifest an intention of at once seizing the [7] throne. The Abbot's connexion with the Parliament may have suggested the entry of at least

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[1] See Vol. I., Introduction, pp. xvii.–xix.

[2] P. xix.

[3] On the spoliation of the Abbey after the second Battle of St. Alban's, the foundation became so impoverished that, for a time at least, its members had to separate; see Vol. I., p. 399.

[4] He had complained of them nearly twenty years before, as a cause for his first resignation of the abbacy; see Amundesham, Vol. II. p. 234.

[5] *History of Europe*, Vol. III. p. 196.

[6] See p. 377.

[7] To which, in fact, he did formally lay claim a week later. See the claim, set forth at length in the *Rot. Parl.* Vol. V., p. 375, with the answer given by the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, thereto.

some of the items of political interest that found a place, among matters of purely domestic interest, in his Registers; but still, it is hardly too much to assert, at the risk of being accused of reiteration, that had the two battles of St. Alban's never been fought, we should have had but very little, if indeed anything at all, connected with the Wars of the Roses transmitted to us by the pen of an inmate of the Abbey of that place. With a mention of the first Battle of St. Alban's what may be called the "Political History" contained in the present work [1] begins, a slight retrospect being then entered on, of trifling extent; and with the Coronation of the Earl of March, as Edward the Fourth, which followed within twenty weeks after the second Battle of St. Alban's, its revelations as to the current history of the time come to an end. From the date of the first Battle of St. Alban's, in 1455, memoranda as to the more important events of the day, we may fairly conclude, began to be collected, transcribed, and preserved, within the Abbey walls, and so throughout the First Act of the war between the rival Houses. The misdeeds of the Northern hordes, alike in their frightful [2] ravages committed upon the helpless town, and the depredations and insults inflicted by them upon the [3] Abbey itself, once avenged by their overwhelming disaster on the field of Towton, and by the coronation of their conqueror, amid the hearty acclamations of the Londoners, (who had done more, perhaps, than any other set of men to ensure the triumph of the Yorkist cause), the lately resumed habit of watching and recording the political aspects of the times seems at St. Alban's, as it had already done at most, if not all, of our other houses of religion, to have come to an end. Peace now, at least for a time, restored, the monks of the Convent returned to the homestead

The "Political History" of the work begins with the first Battle of St. Alban's, and ends soon after the second.

[1] P. 159.
[2] See pages 172, 394, 395.
[3] See p. 398.

which, for a time, they seem to have[1] abandoned; but with the registration of political events, the warfare now lulled, they troubled themselves no more.

The nature and extent of the historical information in the Register, to be gathered from the Index.

The reader who would wish, at a glance, so to say, to learn the nature and extent of the historical information which the Register contains, will find, it is believed, no small facility afforded him through the agency of the Index, compiled with all due minuteness, which appears at the close of the present Volume; the heads principally to be consulted, with this object, being, "Edward the Fourth," "Henry the Sixth," "March, "Edward, Earl of," "Salisbury, Richard, Earl of," "War- "wick, Richard, Earl of," and "York, Richard, Duke "of;" around these few personages lies centred perhaps the whole of the political interest and value of the book.

The long and verbose speeches contained in it.

The long, verbose, and (the time considered) remarkably overlearned speeches, which the compiler has put into the mouths of[2] several of his historical personages, are alike of his own imagining and composition, no doubt. They may very possibly, however, convey in outline what were, or, at all events, what were generally supposed to be, the current arguments of the great political parties of the day; though in their composition and texture almost as fanciful, and indeed absurd, as the strings of so-called verses by which the prose narrative is ever and anon interrupted, if not relieved.

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[1] John Whethamstede, after recommending his monks to disperse, the Prior and Archdeacon, (destined, both, to succeed him as Abbot), having already fled, betook himself to Whethamstede, his native town; see pp. 397, 399.

[2] The Duke of York, at pp. 164–167, 169–170; King Henry, p. 279, who is represented as talking about Romans, Thebans, and Jews; Edward, Earl of March, pp. 402–403, p. 408; Abbot Whethamstede himself, pp. 176, 177; the expression of public opinion, pp. 179–181, 378–380. The speech of the Earl of Warwick, at p. 339, in answer to his kinsman, the Bishop of Salisbury, may, very possibly, as to its substance, be authentic. At all events, it is reasonable enough, and contains no affectation of scholarship.

Giving the credit of the compilation of this [1] so-styled "Register" to Abbot Whethamstede himself,—a credit, of which, as stated in the Introduction to the preceding Volume, a small share, if any, in all probability really belongs to him,—Hallam, in his [2] *History of Europe*, has made the remark, that Abbot Whethamstede had been a [3] violent Lancastrian throughout the earlier part of the civil war, and that it was only in consequence of the stripping of the Abbey by Queen Margaret and her Northern troops, as the sequel of her victory in the second Battle of St. Alban's, that he became a [4] convert to the Yorkist cause. Such, to an attentive reader of the historical portion of this Register, will appear to be in reality the converse of the fact: no sorrow or sympathy is anywhere manifested for the trials and manifold sufferings to which the Lancastrian sovereign was so sorely subjected, and the tendency of the compiler is, though hesitatingly perhaps, to the Yorkist cause [5] throughout; a fact which, indeed, may be reasonably accounted for, to no inconsiderable extent, by the support given to that party by most of the surviving friends of the late Duke of Gloucester, "Good Duke "Humphrey," as he was—with, as it seems to us, no particularly good reason—called. Be his real character, however, what it may, Humphrey had long been the patron and benefactor of the Abbey of St. Alban's, its constant [6] visitor for years, a member of its fraternity,

Hallam's mention of Whethamstede as a violent partisan of the Lancastrians, and a late convert to the Yorkist cause.

The contrary, in reality, the fact.

The Yorkists the friends of the late Duke of Gloucester, whose memory was still venerated at St. Alban's.

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[1] See the commencing lines, in p. 5 :—

"*Hic prælaturæ Whethamstede*
"*pauca secundæ*
"*More registrantis scribuntur*
"*gesta Johannis.*"

[2] Vol. III. p. 197.

[3] A similar statement is also made in the *Pictorial History of England*, Vol. II. p. 97.

[4] "His change of party is quite sudden, and amusing enough," Vol. III. p. 197.

[5] Except, indeed, in pp. 377–380, where, in his own inflated and verbose style, he portrays the expression of the popular indignation at the ambitious designs of the Duke of York, on his return from Ireland.

[6] See the Index (*s. v.* "Gloucester") to the Chronicle preceding the *Annales* of Amundesham, Vol. I.

the guest and friend of its now venerable Abbot, and his body,—after his suspicious death, brought about by anything rather than by Yorkist agency,—now lay buried beneath its tabernacled tomb within the Abbey walls. For seven long years had his friends in Parliament, in combination with men of the Yorkist party, struggled, and struggled in vain, to have his memory cleared of the disgraceful charge of disloyalty and treason, under which he had died; and at length, despite the efforts of the [1] King and his Privy Council, men, most of them, or all, attached to the Lancastrian party, thanks to the "aid and favour" of the Duke of York, they had succeeded in their struggle to obtain a formal acquittal for the memory of the dead. The merits of King Henry himself, it is true, are, at least in [2] one place, expatiated upon, and he is commended as—"A man by himself, and "of himself, both simple and upright, and one in himself "so blessed, that he stood not in the way of sinners, "nor sat in the seat of the [3] scornful." But that he "walked not in the counsel of the ungodly," the compiler significantly forbears to say; adding, indeed, that [4] at times he did the converse, and going into long details to shew that, at the bland suggestions of certain people,—the heads, no doubt, of the Lancastrian party are meant,—by his lavishness and unbounded prodigality he reduced the estate of royalty to a penury so extreme, that, but for the timely intervention of Parliament, a wholesale [5] spoliation of the public must have been the sure result. In [6] another passage again, the Yorkist party is certainly accused of rising,—"If not against the "Lord, yet against his anointed;" but excuses are largely added to prove, that if the heel was lifted, to all appearance, against the sovereign's person, it was his

His memory acquitted of the charge of treason, with the aid of the Yorkist party.

Opinions expressed in the Register as to King Henry and the Lancastrian party.

[1] So stated in p. 181.

[2] P. 248.

[3] *pestilentiæ* in p. 248; a quotation from the Vulgate.

[4] *abiit tamen interdum in concilio impiorum.*

[5] *pauperiem Regis subsequitur spoliatio plebis*, p. 249.

[6] P. 337.

advisers and [1] henchmen,—always meaning, no doubt, the chief supporters of the Lancastrian party, — that in reality were aimed at. As for the Yorkists themselves, with the exception of the passage already [2] referred to, they are nowhere spoken of in terms of censure; unless, indeed, by implication, when, in the first Battle of St. Alban's, they are represented as owing their victory to the [3] prowess of the hated Northern hordes; whom they had rallied in support of their cause, and from whose unscrupulous hands the Abbey was providentially spared, but only by the Proto-martyr [4] Alban's signal intervention and aid.

As to the Yorkists.

Their victory at St. Alban's due to the Northern men.

The spirit that in the long run animated the St. Alban's people through these eventful, and to them, no doubt, sorely perplexing, years, is perhaps in no part of the book better or more fairly portrayed than in the essay at Latin poetry, such as it is, that occupies pages 412–415 of the printed Volume. Here the monastic versifier, in limping Leonines, salutes "young Edward," Earl of March, the recent victor on the fields of [5] Ferrybridge and Towton, as nothing less than a new Hector, and a second Achilles to boot; warmly congratulating him on the slaughter of "more than twice ten thousand" of his northern foes;—"And rightly too," he adds,—

Description of the spirit that animated the people at St. Alban's.

> "For they the South most wickedly had spoil'd.
> "Praise then the Lord, to Christ all honour be."

Edward's just title is then traced, from Prince Lionel downwards, as rightful claimant to the crown. The

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[1] *collaterales.*

[2] In reference to the popular impression as to his designs on his return, in 1460, from Ireland; see p. xv. Note 5.

[3] *fortiores in armis, promptiores que ad bella*, p. 171. It is somewhat singular that the two sets of verses applied to the respective armies (pp. 169, 171) at the First Battle of St. Alban's, are again pressed into the service in the description of the Second Battle; but the hardy and unscrupulous Northerners, who in the first battle fight for the Yorkists, gain it for the Lancastrians in the second.

[4] Pp. 172, 173.

[5] As already noticed, in p. x., Ferrybridge alone is spoken of in the text, and no mention of Towton occurs.

fallen Henry is told that he has now found his fall, because his title failed; that he has proved himself the half-hearted son, not of a father, but of a mother only; that—involving certainly somewhat of a contradiction—he was the degenerate son of a sire, than whom not Teucer, or the son of Atreus, was a better soldier, nor even that "dread of Phrygians," Ajax. Henry is then summarily dismissed with the remark that, meek in words, and pious, though he was, he was a man—[1] "too "simple in his deeds," by far; or "no better than a sim-"pleton," in the current language of our day.

The tendencies of the people at St. Alban's known, no doubt, to the Lancastrian party.

These tendencies of the monastic inmates of St. Alban's taken into consideration,—tendencies, the growth and outcome of years, not of a few months only,—we can hardly suppose that they were unknown to, or [2] unappreciated by, the Lancastrian party; and as little can we be surprised that the sanctity of their Abbey was but little respected by the Lancastrian troops, the moment that opportunity afforded them impunity, and an abundant spoil was to be gathered at the low price—to an infuriated and rapacious soldiery—of only sacrilege. We must in fine reverse Hallam's dictum as to Abbot Whethamstede's political predilections,—so far, that is, as the aged Abbot may have had life and spirit to entertain any,—and must of necessity come to the conclusion that it was not because his Abbey was spoiled by the Lancastrian troops that the Abbot became a strong Yorkist, but that it was because he and his people were known to be [3] Yorkists at heart, that his house suffered so severely at Lancastrian hands.

Hallam's dictum to be reversed.

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[1] "*Attamen in factis nimiæ vir simplicitatis,*" words which would form an hexameter line.

[2] The Lancastrian troops went so far as to assert, and probably not untruthfully (p. 394), that the Queen and their Northern leaders had given them leave to plunder everywhere on the South of the river Trent, St. Alban's included. The Queen herself carried off (p. 396) the most valuable jewel the Abbey possessed.

[3] In proof of this, the fact deserves notice that, when the Yorkists gained the day six years before, the Abbey was saved from spoliation;

The historical events recorded in the "Register" are treated, as already noticed, in the peculiar style of the compiler; being in general assimilated to, or compared with, the doings of men or heroes who lived in Scriptural or classical times; and accompanied with his own reflexions on the ever-varying chapter of events; illustrated by quotations, both Scriptural and profane, and speeches which, with all due deference to him, were, under the circumstances, impossible to those to whom they are attributed, and which, had they been spoken, certainly had no means of being correctly reported.

Mode of treating historical events in this Register.

The original historical passages in the book—those the sense of which, in some form or other, is not to be found elsewhere—are comparatively few in number: among them may be mentioned the lengthy award made by King Henry (pp. 298–308) in 1458, by which the differences of the rival factions were temporarily healed; so much so, that, as we learn from other [1] sources, the chiefs of the rival parties "fraternized," in solemn procession to St. Paul's, the Queen walking hand in hand with her arch-enemy, the Duke of York; the man upon whose severed [2] head, within three brief years from that date, she was to vent the utmost insults that vengeance could suggest, or feminine spite devise.

Original historical passages in the book, comparatively few in number.

The award made by King Henry between the rival factions.

A certain letter, it is [3] said, was written and sent to the King by the Duke of York and his partisans, on the eve of the first Battle of St. Alban's, which, whatever might have been its results, was never allowed to reach the

A letter alleged to have been withheld by certain

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due, it was said, to the intervention of the Protomartyr Alban, but still more due, no doubt, to the friendly feelings of the Yorkist leaders themselves.

[1] Hall, Stowe, and Holinshed.

[2] No mention, however, is made in the present history of Queen Margaret placing a paper crown on the Duke's severed head. According to some accounts, he was slain in the battle; but here (p. 382) he is represented as being taken prisoner, and, apparently, reserved for death after the battle was ended. He was then placed on an ant-hill, crowned with a garland of grass, and finally beheaded, amid sneers and insults.

[3] Pp. 184, 185.

persons of the King's party, before the first Battle of St. Alban's.

hands for which it was designed; the letter itself, a [1] copy of which, by some means, came into the possession of our compiler, seems anything but likely to have averted the combat or promoted a reconciliation, bitterly attacking, as it evidently does, the principal men of the opposite party; but be this as it may, the blame, we [2] are told, of withholding it from the King, was laid jointly upon Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, Thomas Thorpe, a Baron of the Exchequer, and William Joseph, Esquire, the King's henchman. Somerset atoned for any complicity he may have had in the fraud by his death in battle within the next twenty-four hours,—to be laid in his grave, within the Lady's [3] Chapel, [4] in a line with Clifford and Northumberland, the two other noblest victims of the fight. In the Parliament that met in the following July, Thorpe and Joseph were formally charged with reading, and then suppressing, two letters that had been sent by the Duke of York and the Earls of Salisbury and Warwick, to the Chancellor, Thomas Bourchier, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the King; the one to the former at Kilbourne, the day before the battle, and the other at Watford at 2 o'clock in the morning, only a few hours before the fight in the streets of St. Alban's took place: but for the moment, though formally [5] censured by Parliament, they experienced the benefit of the royal protection, and Thorpe survived, in the tenure of office,

Ultimate fate of those persons.

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[1] The original letter, on the miscarriage of which so much bloodshed was charged, is said to have been, in the present century, in the possession of a descendant of one of the persons accused of withholding it, *English Review*, Vol. I. p. 420. The Latin text is given in Whethamstede's Register, pp. 184, 185 of this Volume; the original English, which tallies with the Latin, to a great extent, is printed in the *Rotuli Parl.*, Vol. V. p. 281.

[2] P. 184.

[3] At the prayer of Abbot Whethamstede, who is represented as making a speech to the Duke of York on the occasion (p. 176), mainly on the qualities of mercy, and full of classical quotations and allusions.

[4] *lineali ordine*, p. 178.

[5] See *Rot. Parl.* V. pp. 280, 332.

till taken prisoner, fighting by the side of his sovereign, at the Battle of Northampton, on the 10th of July 1460. On the 17th of February following, the very day on which the Lancastrians were victorious in the second Battle of St. Alban's, this devoted supporter of their cause was beheaded in Haringey Park, now known as Hornsey, in Middlesex.

Suspected intention of the Duke of York to lay violent hands on the throne.

The scene [1] described in the Register as taking place in Parliament, when the Duke of York, by his significant gestures, seemed on the point of laying violent hands upon the throne, has already been remarked upon, and the description of it in the Register may possibly have been used as material by Hall and the later English Chroniclers; though the probability that Abbot Whethamstede himself, as suggested by Hallam, was personally a witness of the transaction, is but [2] small, his age and infirmities taken into consideration.

Whethamstede himself, probably, not then present.

Speech represented as being addressed by the Duke of York to the Earls of Warwick and Salisbury.

The speech [3] represented as being addressed by the Duke of York to his chief confederates, the Earls of Warwick and Salisbury, prior to their descent upon St. Alban's from the North of England, is purely imaginary, no doubt; a rhetorical exercise—and not a very successful one—self-imposed by the compiler, as in many other instances, for the sole purpose, apparently, of making some use of his own stores of learning. In a comparatively few lines, this rugged soldier is made to quote Augustine "To Count "Bonifacius," to compare his own services to the sovereign with those rendered to David by Joab, and to describe the prowess of Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, whose recent loss they had to deplore, as not inferior to that of Hector among the Phrygians, Ajax or Achilles,

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[1] Pp. 376, 377.

[2] In such of the Rolls of Parliament of this (1460) and the adjoining years, as now exist, the name of the Abbot of St. Alban's, as attending in Parliament, nowhere occurs; and under the years 1459, p. 3, and 1461 (p. 417 of Vol. I.) it is expressly stated that, from old age and disease, the Abbot could not be present in Parliament.

[3] Pp. 164–166.

among the Greeks; flowers of rhetoric not unlike those with which the Duke, in his turn, is represented as being addressed by the aged Abbot, at the close of the first Battle at St. Alban's, when soliciting his compassion towards the bodies of the unburied slain. As to the description of the battle itself, the contemptuous terms in which the King's troops are spoken of, some as effeminate, and others as cowardly, and as much wanting in martial prowess as so many sheep, or [1] little lambs, strongly indicate the predilections of the writer, in a political point of view; though, at the same time, he cannot refrain from painting their enemies, the Northern followers of the Duke, in disparaging colours; as poverty-stricken [2] through their Borean locality, by nature warlike, bloodthirsty, and ruthless, prone to violence and rapine, and unable to resist the temptations thrown in their way by the charms and chances of Southern spoil.

Abbot Whethamstede's speech to the Duke of York, at the close of the first Battle of St. Alban's.

The singular transactions between Abbot Whethamstede and his Official, William Walingforde, at [3] once Archdeacon, Cellarer, Bursar, Forester, and Sub-Cellarer, of St. Alban's, have been already discussed, at considerable length, in the Introduction to the preceding Volume; the following, in addition, may be briefly pointed out, as among the more interesting passages, of a non-political nature, which are to be found in the pages of the Register.—The description (pp. 115–118) of the illness and death of Abbot John Stoke, who had held office in the interval between the first and second abbacy of John Whethamstede; a personage of whose history and career but very little,—indeed next to nothing,—is known.—The return (pp. 137–146) of monks to the

The transactions between Abbot Whethamstede and his Official, William Walingforde.

Account of the more interesting passages of a non-political nature, to be found in the Register.

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[1] *agnelluli*, p. 169.

[2] Pp. 171, 172.

[3] He must have stood high in favour with Abbot John Stoke, to have been allowed to assume so many responsibilities; hence, perhaps, a feeling of repugnance towards him may have originated with Whethamstede, who had himself been on anything but terms of cordiality with his predecessor.

Abbey, who had abandoned it in the time of Abbot Stoke, Whethamstede's predecessor.—The account (pp. 148–155) of the withdrawal of the Cell of Wymundham from its subjection to St. Alban's, on being itself elevated, by Papal authority, to the rank of an Abbey.—The story (pp. 156–158) of the offences committed by Matthew Bepset, the Abbot's Clerk, and his death-bed repentance.—The account (pp. 199-202) of John Chertesey, the stranger, who attempted to set up a horse-mill at Watford, for grinding barley, in derogation of the Abbot's rights, as lord of the manor; with the additional offence committed by Chertesey's wife, and her female supporters.—The struggle (pp. 202–216) with Sir Thomas Charletone for the manor of Burstone, and final defeat by the Abbot of the crest-fallen knight.—The visit (pp. 268–279) of a priest of Hungary at St. Alban's, with copies of a Letter written by the Soldan of Egypt to the Pope; a Letter addressed, in answer, by the Pope to the Soldan; and a Letter, sent by a certain Friar Preacher to the Pope.—The Heresies of Reginald Pecock, Bishop of Chichester, and the judicial process (pp. 279–289) in reference thereto.—Abbot Whethamstede's Correspondence (pp. 311–316) with John Bamburghe, Subprior of Tynemouth, on the occasion of the latter writing a Life of John Whethamstede the elder, the Abbot's uncle, late Prior of the Cell.—The visit (pp. 317–322) at St. Alban's of three monks from the Monastery of Clugny, with the present of a treatise upon English Knighthood.—The account (pp. 384–387) of the inundations and other signs and prodigies that were seen in various parts of England,[1] about the time when the Battle of Wakefield was fought (1460).

It remains here to be noticed, that Robert Blakeney, Chaplain to Thomas Ramridge, Abbot of St. Alban's, to Robert Blakeney, to whose

[1] At the close of this account (p. 387) the clemency (! !) of the new sovereign, Edward the Fourth, is expatiated upon.

pen the Register has by some been attributed.

whose pen this Register has by [1] some been attributed, ultimately became Prior of the Cell of Tynemouth, and its last Prior, in or about the year 1536. He is supposed to have been Cellarer of St. Alban's in 1531; and, as Prior, he surrendered the Cell of Tynemouth to the King on the 12th of January 1539, receiving a yearly payment of [2] eighty pounds in return. He died probably before 1553, as in that year his pension no longer occurs among those still paid [3] to then surviving inmates of the Cell.

Probable time of his death

The Registers of Abbots Albon and Walingforde; their peculiar characteristics.

In the preceding [4] pages it has been incidentally remarked that the contents of the St. Alban's Registers, which in chronological order succeed the so-called Register of Whethamstede's Second Abbacy, there under discussion, are destitute of historical details, or matters of acknowledged and direct political importance. The Registers there alluded to are those of [5] Abbots Albon and Walingforde, which occupy the earlier pages of the present Volume; and such, upon examination of their contents, will be found to be the fact, in a strictly literal point of view: but still, their matter is by no means destitute of a certain political significance; affording, as their pages do, in many of their details, a striking illustration of the state of helpless decrepitude and decadence into which the monastic system in this country had fallen, for near a century before the time when its doom was finally accomplished; and shewing that it was to no small extent its own internal shortcomings, that, in combination with the evil passions of an unprincipled

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[1] See Vol. I. Introd., p. x.

[2] MS. Lansdowne, 935.

[3] Gibson's *History of the Monastery of Tynemouth*, Vol. II. p. 94.

[4] P. xii. *ante*.

[5] With a small fragment of a Register of the last eight years of Whethamstede's second Abbacy, pp. 3–24. For a description of the folio volume, in the Bodleian Library, which contains these Registers, see pp. 3, 291, and 295, *post*. The volume, both at the beginning and the end, is in a mutilated state.

sovereign, and the greed of his even more unprincipled creatures, contributed to precipitate its fall. In the Introduction to the *Annales* of John Amundesham (Vol. I. p. lv.), allusion has been made to the long-growing hostility of the Bishops of England towards the Abbots and their monasteries; those, more particularly, enjoying high rank, and possessing certain privileges of exemption, which were ever and anon bringing them in collision with the episcopal jurisdiction. These animosities, no doubt, contributed, at least indirectly, to the ultimate fall of monachism in this country. But however it may have been in this respect in the days of such men as Abbot Delamere and his predecessors, we miss all traces of them in the pages of the Registers now under consideration; obsequiousness, equally to bishops and all other personages likely to be possessed of the slightest political influence, seems to have been the general rule; and traffic in patronage the principal business now done by the Abbots of a house, which for ages had scorned to bear the semblance even of abject submission, alike to prelate or to noble. For example, in Whethamstede's Register, in the preceding Volume, we [1] find that in the year 1461, the Abbot, fearing a possible loss to his house of the Priory at Pembroke, which had been given to it by Duke Humphrey, in consequence of King Edward's general resumption of the grants that had been made or sanctioned by his three predecessors, of the Lancastrian line, deemed it prudent to make application through his Prior, he himself being too ill to attend in Parliament or visit London, to the then Chancellor, George Nevyle, Bishop of Exeter, for his good graces in the matter. The Bishop, we are told, shewed himself most friendly to the Abbot, and it was through his intervention that a re-grant of the Priory to the Abbot and Convent of St. Alban's was immediately made. To this transaction, if

Hostility of the Bishops of England towards the Abbots and Monasteries.

Obsequiousness now, apparently, the general rule; as also, traffic in patronage.

Transaction of Abbot Whethamstede with George Nevyle, Bishop of Exeter.

[1] In p. 417.

solely at once the result and the proof of friendship and good feeling, there could, perhaps, be little or no objection made; but if we turn to the later set of Registers, those now under notice, we find the Bishop receiving what there is little doubt was his reward, at the hands of the Abbot; in having transferred to him the next presentation to the rectory of [1] Stanmere Magna, in Middlesex; in virtue of which, in 1470, some five years after the death of Whethamstede, upon [2] William Tregory, the Rector of the parish, resigning, William Singelton, Chaplain to the Bishop, (who had now become Archbishop of York), was nominated to the rectory in his stead. The above is but a mild sample of the traffic in patronage and office which prevailed, probably not only at St. Alban's, but in most of the English Monasteries as well. In as brief terms as are consistent with intelligibleness, the following is a detailed list of the manifold entries in the pages of these Registers that disclose transactions of this description, all within a space of twenty years; dealings which, each and all of them, may, it is just possible, have been of an innocent nature, or, on the other hand, may have involved the payment of a consideration, in some form or other, though the fact, it must be allowed, nowhere appears; but which, though they momentarily, and perhaps no more than momentarily, ensured the patronage and protection of personages high in rank or influential through their station, can hardly fail to have entailed lasting enmities for the Abbey, in one direction or other, which ultimately helped, more or less remotely, to contribute to its fall.

List of transactions of this description to be found in the Registers.

With King Edward the Fourth.

To begin with the sovereign, King Edward the Fourth:—A letter is sent by him, on the death of John Madery, the Vicar of Watford, and [3] William

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[1] Now Great Stanmore; a few miles from the Bishop's manor-house of Moor, where he resided. See p. 93 of this Volume.

[2] P. 92.

[3] P. 97.

Warner, the royal nominee, is put forthwith by Abbot Albon in his place. To Queen Elizabeth, his wife, Abbot Walingforde [1] grants the next presentation to the Vicarage of Wynslowe; while Lionel, her son by her former [2] marriage, interceding in favour of [3] John Lane, the Rectory of Garsington, in Oxfordshire, is taken away from William Dayfote, (already presented to it by the Bishop of Ely, with Abbot Walingforde's permission,) and given to Lane; who, however, in his turn also, has soon to make way for another, upon its being found that the next presentation had been already disposed of, before Walingforde came into office; it having been given by his predecessor, Abbot Albon, to Sir Edmund Reade, a Berkshire knight.

Queen Elizabeth.

Lionel, her son.

George, Duke of Clarence, [4] received, in June 1477, a grant of the next presentation to the church of Wallington, in Hertfordshire. He did not live, however, to present, and in 1480, as seen in the sequel, we find the next presentation [5] transferred to other hands.

George, Duke of Clarence.

To Richard, Duke of Gloucester, jointly with John Kendale, his Secretary, Abbot Walingforde makes [6] grant of the next presentation to one of two Rectories, Barnet in Hertfordshire, and Tynby (now Tenby) in South Wales, whichever may first fall vacant. About six years elapse, and, "at the instance of the Duke of "Gloucester," the church of Tynby is [7] promised to Master Roger Hanley, whensoever it shall first fall vacant; not content with which, the Duke also [7] obtains a renewal of the grant of the next presentation to the church of Barnet as well. Even so important an office as that of Prior of Tynemouth does not escape being thus dealt with; and the next nomination to it is granted, in favour of Nicholas Boston, monk of St.

Richard, Duke of Gloucester.

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[1] P. 183.
[2] With Sir Thomas Gray.
[3] Pp. 196, 197, 198.
[4] P. 166.
[5] P. 224.
[6] P. 163.
[7] P. 255.

Alban's, to Richard, Duke of Gloucester, and Sir John Say. Boston ultimately obtained the office, as will be found in the sequel.

The Lady Cecily, widow of Richard, Duke of York.

The Lady Cecily, widow of Richard, Duke of York, and mother of Clarence and the successive sovereigns, Edward and Richard, we find complimented by Abbot Walingforde with the next presentation to the London [1] Rectory of St. Peter's in Chepe.

William Dudley, Bishop of Durham.

Descending from royalty:—to William Dudley, Bishop of Durham, jointly with John Gunthorp, Dean of the King's Chapel, (one of the most notorious pluralists of a pluralizing age), was [2] given, by Abbot Walingforde, the next presentation to the Vicarage of Luton. At

John, Lord Wenlock.

the "[3] special instance" of John, Lord Wenlock, Richard Benet, his Chaplain, is presented by Abbot Albon to the church of East Barnet; not content with which, within [4] three months the same nobleman uses his "instances" in favour of John Mus, Chaplain; who is accordingly presented by the Abbot to the Rectory of

Mistake, apparently, made by him.

Leccheworthe, in Bedfordshire. With the same tendency, however, to blundering, to all appearance, which ultimately cost him his life at the hands of Somerset on the field of Tewkesbury, no sooner had Wenlock made the presentation than he was forced to annul it, on finding that his nominee was ineligible, as being a [5] Frenchman by birth. Forced to try his hand again, the persistent peer nominated one Hyne, a Chaplain, whose Christian name is not preserved; which presentation, we learn, the Abbot, "with reverence and in "due style, under his seal, wrote out and put in form."

Sir John Prisot.

To Sir John Prisot, Chief Justice of the [6] Common Bench, the next presentation to the church of Wallington had been [7] granted by Abbot Whethamstede some twenty

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[1] P. 167.
[2] P. 164.
[3] P. 59.
[4] A.D. 1467; see p. 60.
[5] P. 61.
[6] Or Common Pleas, pp. 4, 5.
[7] Pp. 4, 5.

years before the transaction with the Duke of Clarence, already mentioned; but we do not read that he lived to avail himself of it. Philip Bettyrley, [1] Gentleman, had assigned to him, in 1480, by Abbot Walingforde, the next presentation to the Vicarage of Luton; but with the modification, that his nomination was only to be in favour of John Hunden, lately Bishop of Llandaff. To Thomas Bradwell, Esquire, and John Seman, was [2] given jointly, by the same Abbot, in 1483, the next presentation to one of two Rectories, Caldecote and Brantefelde, both in the county of Hertford, whichever might first become vacant; the object being, it is [3] added, that Thomas Whitacrisse should be promoted thereto. In 1485 John Lenarde, Chaplain, received a grant from the same [4] Abbot of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Sandrugge, in the same county; and shortly after, upon the Vicarage of Redborne becoming [5] vacant, the nomination thereto was given to Gervaise Buclond. He profited little by it, however; for no sooner was it given to him than it was taken away, and, at the request of Master Thomas Shenckwyne, "Official to the Monastery," the preferment was given to a kinsman of his own, "Owen" by name. Some time before this, the Abbot had given to Master [6] John de Gyglis, a Canon of Wells, and the Papal Collector in England, in conjunction with Thomas Stanys, "One of the Valets of the Chamber of our Lord the King," the next presentation to the remote Vicarage of [7] Egglyngham, in the Diocese of Durham. To John Newbury, jointly with John Perisson, of St. Alban's, was given the [8] nomination to the Vicarage of St. Stephen's, near that place. He also received, being probably at

Philip Bettyrley.

Thomas Bradwell and John Seman.

John Lenarde.

Gervaise Buclond.

Thomas Shenckwyne.

John de Gyglis and Thomas Stanys.

John Newbury and John Perisson.

[1] *Jantilman*, in page 223.
[2] P. 258.
[3] P. 259.
[4] P. 273.
[5] P. 280.
[6] P. 246.
[7] Near Alnwick, in Northumberland.
[8] P. 161.

the time the [1] Abbot's Secretary, the next [2] presentation to the Vicarage of Wyngrave, in Buckinghamshire, in the year 1481. Becoming afterwards Bailiff of St. Alban's, he had granted, [3] "to him and his assigns," the next presentation to the Rectory of Wallington, by the same Abbot. With the sanction of Abbot Albon, Edmund Westby, Esquire, Bailiff of the Liberty of St. Alban's, had [4] presented Robert Chauntery to the Vicarage of St. Peter's, in that town. William Westby, who also held the same [5] office, a son probably of Edmund, was similarly favoured by Abbot Walingforde with the next presentation to the [6] church of Lecchworthe, already mentioned. To William Grene, one of the Clerks of the Exchequer, was granted by the same [7] Abbot the next nomination to the Vicarage of St. Peter's, at St. Alban's; and to Ralph Penne and Henry Taylard, Esquires, jointly, in favour of Master John Rokley, the next presentation to the [8] church of Wallington; the previous [9] grant, to the Duke of Clarence, of the next presentation, having been of no [10] effect.

Edmund Westby.

William Westby.

William Grene.

Ralph Penne and Henry Taylard.

The lay offices of the Abbey, apparently similarly trafficked with.

John Forster.

William, Lord Hastings.

The lay offices also of the Abbey seem to have been similarly trafficked with, and probably on political grounds.—In [11] 1474, the office of Seneschal, or Steward, of the Liberty of St. Alban's, with all its emoluments, was granted by Abbot Albon to John Forster, Esquire, for life. Not a word do we find, in the meantime, as to Forster's resignation, but in [12] 1479,—"By reason "of the singular love which William, Lord Hastings,

[1] See p. 90, where he is filling this office ten years before, under Abbot Albon.

[2] P. 246.

[3] P. 257.

[4] Pp. 58, 59.

[5] Pp. 203, 204.

[6] P. 238.

[7] P. 161.

[8] P. 224.

[9] P. 166.

[10] But, as before stated, the next presentation to the church of Wallington was three years afterwards (A.D. 1483) given to John Newbury; this can only be accounted for, perhaps, by the fact of John Rokley having died in the meantime.

[11] P. 113.

[12] Pp. 199, 200.

" hath heretofore borne to us and our church, and which " we trust in future he will bear," Abbot Walingforde confers the office of Seneschal, with all its emoluments, upon that nobleman. Three years again intervene, and we find the same [1] Abbot bestowing the same office again upon the same Lord Hastings, but, jointly with him, upon the prior holder, John Forster, as well. In the same year, 1482, there appear to have been [2] two appointments executed to this effect, the one, however, that is last in date, limiting the emoluments of the office to Forster only, for his life; after which, the office, together with the emoluments, was to go to Lord Hastings for life. All this, however, as a [3] note in the Register says, came to nought. Lord Hastings was put to death soon after,—" by mandate of King Richard the " Third;" and John Forster, after being imprisoned in the Tower for near three quarters of a year,—" in hope " of a relaxation of his punishment, did remit and " release all his title and supreme interest that he had " in his office of Seneschal of St. Alban's." Such is, inadvertently, a testimony given to the political significance, which, no doubt, to anything but the real advantage of the House, had become attached to the office of Steward, or Seneschal, of St. Alban's. Such being the case, it is no matter of surprise that we [4] find the office, thus precipitately handed over by Forster, forthwith transferred by the Abbey, with all due obsequiousness, to William Catesby, " Esquire of the " body " to King Richard; one of his trio of councillors, (Lovel, Ratcliffe, and Catesby,) whose names have been perpetuated in the hackneyed rhyme of the day:—

Death of Lord Hastings, and imprisonment of John Forster.

Political significance of the office of Seneschal of St. Alban's.

The office transferred to William Catesby.

" The Rat, the Cat, and Lovel the Dog,
" Rule all England under the Hog."

[1] Pp. 255, 256.
[2] See pp. 255–257 and 263–265.
[3] See p. 265 of this Volume.
[4] P. 267.

John Russell, Bishop of Lincoln.

A page [1] further on, and we find Catesby using his all-powerful influence with the Abbot, in combination with the Chancellor, John Russell, Bishop of Lincoln, and others, in obtaining for Richard Lamplough, monk of St. Alban's, a perpetuity, as Prior of the Cell of St. Mary at Hertford, for the term of his life.—Other instances also of traffic in Abbey patronage are to be found in these pages.

Frequent shiftings from the Abbey livings.

The frequent shiftings also from the Abbey livings, as disclosed in these Registers, cannot fail to elicit remark; and indeed, as shewing, if no worse, at least a tendency to trifle with things that—among ecclesiastics, more especially—ought to have been looked upon as of the nature of a sacred trust, they have anything but a satisfactory look. The Vicarage of Abbot's Langley, for example, falls vacant by resignation no less than six times in the course of nineteen years. To the Rectory of Brantfelde, in Hertfordshire, in the Abbot's patronage, there are no fewer than eight presentations in twenty-three years; three of the vacancies, however, having been caused by death. Of the parish of Idelestre (now Elstree), in Bedfordshire, in the Abbot's gift, there [2] seem to have been nine successive Rectors in the short space of sixteen years. The parish of Leccheworthe (now Letchworth), in Bedfordshire, is mentioned as receiving at the hands of the Abbot, its patron, either five or six successive Rectors in fourteen years. Of the parish of Shepehale, (now known as Shephall, near Stevenage), the Vicarage of which is mentioned as being at first in the gift of the Abbot of St. Alban's, and afterwards in that of the Prior and Convent of Wallingford, five Vicars are named in the course of six years. Many instances also of merely momentary presentations are to be found among

[1] P. 268.

[2] Possibly, however, there may have been, in one instance, a wrong entry; compare pp. 118, 121, 122, and 168.

these entries ; as in the case of Brantfelde (pp. 101, 102), for example.

The Abbey of St. Alban's in these times, to some extent, perhaps, from the comparative smallness of its diminished resources, had lost the high reputation for hospitality which it had enjoyed for ages ; both before and after the days when, as Matthew Paris [1] tells us, there was room for near three hundred horses, belonging to its guests, to stand tethered in its stables at one time. We [2] read, indeed, of King Henry the Sixth spending Easter there on one occasion (A.D. 1459) ; but since, if indeed not long before, the death of Duke Humphrey, royal visits to the place had been, comparatively speaking, [3] few and far between. No better proof, however, could be afforded, whatever the reason, of its utter abnegation of the once cherished duties of hospitality, than the special licence that we read of as [4] granted by Abbot Walingforde, in 1484, to one Thomas Hethnes, landlord of the George Inn, in the town of St. Alban's, to have an Oratory, or Chapel, therein, for the celebration there of low Mass, by the Chaplains of "such great men and nobles, and others, as "should be lodging at his hostelry" : no prejudice or loss, however, was to be allowed to ensue, in reference to oblations or other rights, to the church of St. Andrew, the parish within which the [5] George was situate.

Its high reputation for hospitality now lost by the Abbey.

Proof of its abnegation of the duties of hospitality, in the licence granted to the landlord of the George Inn.

One of the main points in reference to which censure had been cast on the memory of Abbot John Stoke, was his frequent [6] manumission of born bondmen,

Manumission of born bondmen by the Abbots.

[1] *Sub anno* 1252.

[2] In the Register of the Second Abbacy of John Whethamstede, p. 323. The words "*solitæ hospi-* "*tationis*" (p. 394) must refer to times long since past.

[3] His presence in the town, on the occasion of the two Battles of St. Alban's, was, of course, anything but a matter of choice.

[4] See p. 269 of this Volume.

[5] It was only a few years before this date that the George Inn, at Glastonbury, was built by Abbot John Selwode. It is clear that travellers could now no longer claim the hospitality of the religious houses, as a matter of course.

[6] See Vol. I. p. 105.

or "natives," belonging to the Abbey lands: his object being, it was suggested, to obtain the fees, upon terms of paying which the manumission was granted. At this distance of time it is difficult to surmise, with any degree of exactness, what was likely to be the effect of these manumissions upon the Abbey revenues in a pecuniary point of view. From the growth of the large towns and the increase of population, the facilities, as well as the inducements, for these "adscripts to the "soil" making their [1] escape from what was anything but an ideal bondage, were becoming greater and greater every day; and in that point of view, the landowners may have been only making a virtue of necessity, in granting manumission to the [2] bondmen and their families upon terms of a ready-money composition. These peasants too, so long as they remained adscript, had a claim to certain allotments of the soil for cultivation, towards their own support. Land had, no doubt, considerably increased in value by the latter part of the fifteenth century, and an enlarged rentroll to a landlord would at least tend to reconcile him to parting with labourers whose enforced services would, at the best, be yielded with but a [3] bad grace. Be the reason, however, what it may, cases of manumission appear in comparative profusion in the pages of these Registers.

In the earlier instances of manumission, a fine, or composition, apparently paid.

In the earlier instances, a sum is entered in the margin, the fine or composition paid, in all probability, as the price of unmolested freedom. The sum so mentioned is only 3*s.* 4*d.* in the [4] first instance; but in the case of [5] Thomas Crystmes, of Redborne, manumitted by

[1] If a bondman lived unclaimed for a year and a day within the walls of the City of London, he became free.

[2] The nature of the services of these bondmen, and their dependent position, nearly two centuries earlier, are aptly illustrated in the extracts in the Appendix of this Volume, pp. 324–326 and 333.

[3] There are several instances in the St. Alban's Chronicles of resistance made by the serfs to the rule of their masters. The ranks of Wat Tyler and Jack Cade's followers were, no doubt, largely recruited from this class.

[4] P. 9.

[5] P. 47.

Abbot Albon, along with his three sons and two daughters, the comparatively large sum of 13*s.* 4*d.* is entered against his name. Against the names of [1] William and Robert Nasshe manumitted "natives" of Sandrugge, (now Sandridge, in Herts), the sum of 6*s.* 8*d.* is set. [2] William Perkyne, a "native" of the manor of Bygging, near Winslow, in Bucks, but living at Aylesbury, and evidently a painter-stainer by trade, upon his manumission, has the sum of 3*s.* 4*d.* entered against his name. This last entry belongs to the year 1467; but here the money payments stop short, and [3] no consideration seems to be hinted at in the manumissions of later date; it looking as if the Abbot was only too happy to be rid of the presence of persons who had claims upon him as a landowner, without any power on his part to exact a return to himself of commensurate advantage.

No consideration, apparently, in the manumissions of later date.

The remarkable dealings of the Abbots of St. Alban's with the important Priory of Tynemouth, as disclosed in these pages, deserve a somewhat extended notice.—

Dealings of the Abbots of St. Alban's with the Priory of Tynemouth.

Brother William Dyggeswelle, or Dyxwelle, monk of St. Alban's, and, [4] at the time, Prior of the Cell of Bynham, in Norfolk, is first brought to our notice in a Certificate sent by Abbot Whethamstede to King Edward the Fourth, in the year 1464; asking for means to ensure his arrest, as being an apostate, forasmuch as (tr.),—[5] "Like another son of perdition, he "goes about from place to place, from town to town, "and from market to market, more like a vagabond "and an apostate than a regular monk, and producing "in his travels the greatest scandal, as well to the "Order as to religion in general." Some fourteen months before this date, it should be remarked, a

William Dyxwelle, Prior of Bynham, pronounced an apostate.

[1] P. 55.

[2] P. 71.

[3] In p. 210, Thomas Hale, or Mylleward, is manumitted by Abbot Walingforde, "with an acquittance, "by reason of his poverty, and "for charity's sake."

[4] P. 16.

[5] See p. 16.

Prior Commission for Visitation of the Priory of Bynham.

[1] Commission had been granted to Thomas Albon, Chamberlain, and Nicholas Boston, Almoner, of the Abbey of St. Alban's, to make Visitation of the Priory of Bynham; and these disparaging assertions in reference to its Prior had been, in all probability, though we are not expressly told so, the result of their investigations.

Dyxwelle is at first superseded, and then restored by the new Abbot, Albon.

A year after the Abbot's Certificate sent to the King for Dyxwelle's arrest, and we find Dyxwelle [2] named as being present at the election of William Albon as Abbot; but only in his capacity as monk of St. Alban's, John Peyton being [3] there mentioned as the then Prior of that Cell. Two years after this, and Dyxwelle is again [4] named as the then Prior of Bynham, having evidently been restored by the new Abbot, Albon, to his former position; and in 1472 we find the office granted to him by the same Abbot, in highly complimentary language, for [5] the term of his life.

John Langetone, Prior of Tynemouth.

Turning now to a more important piece of Abbey patronage, the Cell of Tynemouth in Northumberland, we find John Langetone, its Prior, present at the election of Abbot Albon in 1465. At the time of the election of Abbot Walingforde in 1476, Langetone is still named as in office as Prior of Tynemouth; but, being [6] absent, owing to old age and infirmity, he sends a Letter of Proxy, empowering John Rothbury to act at the election in his stead. It is [7] apparently in the following year, that we find the next nomination to the office of Prior of Tynemouth, whensoever,—"through "the death, resignation, or promotion, of John Lange-"tone," a vacancy should take place, granted to Richard, Duke of Gloucester, jointly with Sir John Say, in favour

Absent from the election of Abbot Walingforde, from old age and infirmity.

Reversion of the office of Prior

[1] See p. 13.
[2] Pp. 28, 30.
[3] P. 30.
[4] See p. 61; also, p. 105.
[5] P. 111.
[6] He is named as being present in p. 145; but that is clearly an error. His Letter of Proxy appears in p. 152.
[7] See pp. 165, 166; there is no date mentioned.

of Nicholas Boston, the then Archdeacon of St. Alban's, and the former Commissioner for Visitation of Bynham, as already mentioned. In page 182 we learn that Boston received an absolute appointment in 1478 as Prior of the great Northern Cell, and in pages 184, 185, a grant to him of that office for life, in May in that year, is set forth in due detail. He forthwith resigned his Abbey offices of Archdeacon and Almoner; and then, after making a stay in London of some days, rode[1] leisurely on horseback to Tynemouth, passing through the county of Lincoln on his way; and spending a large amount of money, the Registrar[2] tells us, which might have been much better expended for the good of the House to which he had been appointed.

granted in favour of Nicholas Boston.

Absolute grant to him of the office for life.

He travels leisurely to Tynemouth.

Meanwhile John Langetone, despite his former plea of old age and infirmities, had been summarily, and indeed ignominiously, deposed from office some six months before; the[3] document fulminated against him by Abbot Walingforde bearing date the 15th of March in the year before mentioned. Of the exact nature of his alleged offences we know nothing, except from the document itself; which indeed is of so remarkable a nature as to deserve quotation:—

John Langetone, in the meantime, deposed.

"Letters of suspension, citation, and discharge, of[4] Sir "John Langetone, late Prior of Tynemouth, from the "rule of that Priory, for his contumacy and disobedi- "ence, committed towards John Rothbury, Cellarer of "the Monastery of St. Alban's, and Nicholas Kyrkeby, "Precentor of the same monastery, who had been sent "by the Lord Abbot to visit the Priory aforesaid.

Document testifying his deposition.

"William, by divine permission, Abbot of the Monas- "tery of St. Alban, Protomartyr of the English, to the "Roman Church, with no intermediate, pertaining, [and]

[1] He was 39 days on the road; from the 22nd of September to the 1st of November.

[2] P. 182.

[3] See pp. 186–7.

[4] Or "Dan," the title "*Dompnus*," as applied to ecclesiastics.

" within the Diocese of Lincoln, to thee, Sir John " Langetone, our monk, and, as we would hope, our " obedient son, those tears of repentance which recall " the sons of disobedience to favour, and mercifully " bring back to the bosom of benign Mother Church " those who have been put away from communion with " the faithful. Brother, it is written that where the " disease is very pestilent it there behoveth us to apply " the more powerful curatives, and that where the wound " is very grievous, it is expedient to bind it the more " cautiously, and to provide the more speedy remedy. " In this, O erring son, unmindful of thy act of diso- " bedience, and disregarding thine own safety, reve- " rencing not God, nor fearing peril to thy soul, thou " hast desired, with rash presumption, to dishonour me, " thy patron, master, and Abbot, and to set me at " nought, and to harass those who were lately thy " Visitors, my brethren: to my letters also, that were " handed to thee by them, thou hast presumed in no " way to shew obedience; so much so, that it was hardly " without the greatest peril that they could escape from " thy hands, and the hands of thy servants, almost " despairing of their lives; after my letters had first " been torn to pieces by thy agency. On account of " these things then, and many that are still more " grievous, which at present we do not enter upon to " thee, the sharper remedies are the more expedient; " seeing that those wounds must be cut out at the " expense of pain which cannot easily be cured, and " superfluous growths must be got rid of by corrosive " means which have gained too firm a seat in the flesh. " We do therefore discharge thee from the office of Prior " of our Priory of Tynemouth, commanding thee, in " virtue of holy obedience, and under pain of the law, " from henceforth in no way to interfere either as to " spiritual matters therein, or temporal. In our full " Chapter, also, we do denounce thee to have been, and

" to be, suspended from the celebration of divine service,
" and by these presents we do suspend thee from the
" celebration of divine service; citing, moreover, and
" admonishing thee, for the first, the second, and the
" third, time, all fallacious excuses laid aside, to appear
" before us in thine own proper person, wherever
" within our jurisdiction we may be, within fifteen days
" after receiving these our letters; to allege reasonable
" cause, if any thou hast, why we should not proceed
" to more severe measures against thee. In witness
" whereof, to these presents our seal is annexed, etc."

Commission for Visitation of the Priory of Tynemouth, John Langetone being a member of it.

Eighteen months have hardly elapsed, and we find the Abbot, this same William Walingforde, appointing a [1] Commission to make Visitation of the Priory of Tynemouth, Nicholas Boston being then Prior thereof; the members of the Commission being no other than this same John Langetone, the lately disgraced Prior of the place, William Dyxwelle, whom we have seen formerly stigmatized as the apostate Prior of Bynham, and one Thomas Bynham, described as a monk of St. Alban's. Following hard upon this, only [2] ten days after the nomination of the Commission, and long before time had been afforded for the Visitation to take place, and report to be made thereon, a new Prior is substituted for Boston, in the person, not of Langetone, the late Prior, but of Dyxwelle, the deposed, and then restored, Prior of Bynham. This nomination was made, and Boston deposed, the Registrar [2] says,—"For various and many manners of causes, touch-
" ing and moving him and the honour of his [3] Order, as
" was found in the Visitation before mentioned." This can only mean, however, (as the Commission was [4] signed but ten days before Boston's deprivation and the appointment of his successor, and it would have been impossible for the Commission to reach Tynemouth and

William Dyxwelle substituted, as Prior, for Nicholas Boston.

[1] See p 213.
[2] P, 214.
[3] *honorem religionis suæ.*
[4] At least, it is so dated.

make report at St. Alban's of the result of their Visitation within so short a space of time), that Boston was deprived on the charges which, after his deprivation, the Commission was to investigate. Be this as it may, the moment almost that the Commission would have reached Tynemouth, Boston, on the 17th of May, made a formal resignation of his office,—"For many causes moving "him and his conscience, being neither compelled by "force thereto, nor induced by guile, but of his own "free will." Upon the day following his resignation, William Dyxwelle, the new Prior, executed a formal grant to Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, Thomas, Abbot of Alnewyk, Sir John Pykering, Knight, and John Cartingtone, Esquire, of a yearly payment, or rent, of ten pounds, during the life of Nicholas Boston, the late Prior, for his support and maintenance; which grant was duly [2] ratified by Abbot Walingforde on the 24th of July "following. Somewhat singularly, to all appearance, on the 9th of June a similar [3] grant of a yearly payment of ten pounds was executed by the Earl of Northumberland, in favour of Dyxwelle himself, in consideration, nominally of his being then appointed one of the Earl's [4] Council; so that, in reality, the future support of Boston was to fall upon the Earl himself.

Formal resignation by Nicholas Boston.

Grant of a yearly payment of ten pounds by Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland.

Not even here, however, do these remarkable transactions come to an end. William Dyxwelle had already supplanted Nicholas Boston. Bearing in mind probably the time when, Boston acting on the Commission, he himself had been denounced as the apostate Prior of Bynham, he now appears, (as afterwards acknowledged by himself, in a spirit of repentance), in the character of Boston's persecutor. At his suggestion, no doubt, it was, that on the 5th of the following September, Abbot Walingforde, after stating that an unseemly rumour as

Boston is persecuted by Dyxwelle.

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[1] See pp. 214, 215.
[2] See pp. 217, 218.
[3] See p. 218; the grant is in English.
[4] "*have ordeyned, depute, and assigned hym to be of my Councelle.*"

to the [1] unbecoming conduct of Nicholas Boston had reached his ears, issued a Commission to the new Prior of Tynemouth, empowering him to seize, examine, and keep in safe custody, his predecessor; all ulterior correction being, for the present, reserved to the Abbot himself. Not content with this, on the 16th of the same month, the Abbot [2] writes to the Bishop of Durham, entreating his aid in the capture of Boston,—"Our "fellow-monk, forasmuch as, like another son of per- "dition, after the manner of an apostate, he goes about "from place to place, from town to town, and from "market to market, more like a vagabond and an apos- "tate than a regular monk, and producing in his travels "the greatest scandal, as well to the Order, as to religion "in general,"—the identical language that had been employed by Abbot Whethamstede towards Dyxwelle himself, (probably upon Boston's suggestion), some sixteen years before.

Commission issued by Abbot Walingforde for the apprehension of Boston.

He is accused of apostacy.

Less than three months have now elapsed, and we find these heinous charges against Boston already much modified, and matters at Tynemouth undergoing a change. A [3] Commission is now given by the Abbot of St. Alban's to John Hatfeld, Prior of Belvoir, to visit the Priory of Tynemouth, and make inquisition—"Because of divers "disputes pending between William Dyxwelle, the pre- "sent Prior of Tynemouth, and Nicholas Boston, the late "Prior thereof;" and further, because, as the Abbot now says, in the words of his Commission, as regards Boston, with bated breath—"The one of them accused the other "unto the Lord Abbot of multiplied injuries against the "said Priory committed and done."

A Commission appointed, to examine into the disputes between William Dyxwelle and Nicholas Boston.

As to what took place in the intervening space of time between December 1480, the date of this last Commission, and March 1484, we are left by the Registrar wholly uninformed. On the 8th of March in that year, Dyxwelle,

Dyxwelle again becomes Prior of Bynham.

[1] "*de insolentia rumor inhonestus:*" see p. 233.

[2] See p. 234.

[3] P. 239

who now [1] appears once more in his old character of Prior of Bynham, (having apparently supplanted Richard Whitingtone, who had been [2] appointed to that office in May 1480, as Dyxwelle's successor), is represented as being on a visit to the Abbot, at his mansion-house at Tytenhangre, and "by his labour and intervention" prevailing upon him to grant to Nicholas Boston, who is described as being now reinstated as Prior of Tynemouth, a perpetuity, or life tenure, of that office; the expenses of writing and sealing such grant being paid by Dyxwelle himself. The reason of this was, according to the [3] words used by the Registrar, because it had been owing to his sinister endeavours that Boston had been deposed by the Abbot, and supplanted by his traducer,—"Who "then, maliciously and with violence, seized from him, "broke, and tore to pieces, the perpetuity which Prior "Nicholas held." It was for this reason, the Registrar says, that,—"Being moved by conscience, he laboured with "the Lord Abbot with the greatest earnestness to get "the said perpetuity granted." Accordingly, after some months' delay, a perpetuity in the office of Prior of Tynemouth was duly [4] granted to Boston, being a grant, the second time, for the term of his life. At this point, however, the intervention is disclosed of Boston's former friend and patron, the Duke of Gloucester, now King of England, as Richard the Third. For whereas the former letters patent, granting him a perpetuity in the office of Prior, had been sealed with the Abbot's seal only, now, at the King's own instance, the letters patent were sealed not only with the Abbot's seal, but with that of the Convent as well; the King having made a promise, as Prior Boston asserted, to give 100*l.* towards building a [5] water-

He prevails upon the Abbot, to grant to Nicholas Boston, now reinstated as Prior of Tynemouth, a life tenure of the office.

Intervention of King Richard the Third in favour of Nicholas Boston.

Promise made by the King in

[1] P. 254.

[2] See p. 227.

[3] P. 254.

[4] On the 19th of November 1483; see p. 262.

[5] This seems to be the meaning of "*fabricæ aquaticæ*," in p. 263; though it seems somewhat difficult to suggest its site.

mill there, and a benefice of value as well;—promises which, no doubt, owing to the tragic event of Bosworth field, were of necessity left unfulfilled. favour of the Priory of Tynemouth.

Despite the repentance of William Dyxwelle, and his recantation of the charges made against Boston, a full and entire reconciliation between them seems to have been delayed until the 12th of September in the following year; upon which [1] day, through the intervention of Abbot Walingforde, a final reconciliation was brought about, each of them making oath upon the Gospels, in the Abbot's house at Tytenhangre, never again to disquiet or molest the other. A formal undertaking is [2] added, in English, whereby the Prior of Bynham agrees to discharge all debts incurred by the Priory of Tynemouth during the time that he had been Prior thereof. This undertaking, which had been executed on the 17th of March previous, was duly placed, the [3] Register says, in Prior Boston's hands; it being the latest entry that bears reference to either of the contending parties. Dyxwelle is said elsewhere to have afterwards become, in 1495, Prior of the Cell of St. Mary's at Hertford, belonging to St. Alban's, and to be traced, in still existing records, as holding that office so late as 1511. Boston died, apparently still holding office as Prior of Tynemouth, on the 13th of June 1494; there being a sepulchral inscription, existing in the time of Henry the Eighth, in the Chapel of St. Francis, in the [4] Church of the Grey Friars, London, which stated to that effect. From this it may be inferred, as remarked by Gibson in his laborious work, the [5] *History of the Monastery of Tynemouth*, that it was in all probability Boston's sympathy towards the Franciscan Order, or Grey Friars, that had subjected him to so much persecution; and that this sympathy was retained by him to the close of his

Final reconciliation between William Dyxwelle and Nicholas Boston.

Latest known notice of Dyxwelle.

Inscription to Boston in the Church of the Grey Friars, London.

[1] See pp. 273, 274.
[2] Pp. 274, 275.
[3] P. 275.
[4] On the site of the present Christ Church, Newgate Street.
[5] Vol. II. p. 87.

life. Be this as it may, quarrels and intrigues like these, among ecclesiastics high in position and office, and calling upon the laity for their interference, cannot have done otherwise than inflict injury upon a system that had incurred heavy enmity, and was tottering already, and so precipitate its fall.

Other charges against ecclesiastics, mentioned in the Register.

In addition to the charges of apostasy already noticed, other accusations against ecclesiastics are incidentally mentioned in the Register. On the 9th of November 1475, a [1] Commission was given to Nicholas Boston, above mentioned, in conjunction with Thomas Ramrugge, (afterwards Abbot), to visit the Priory of Walingforde; "For "certain causes," the Registrar says, "that were against "the Prior there maliciously moved." Abbot Albon, however, would seem to have thought their charges based upon grounds more tangible than mere malice; for on the 17th of the same month, a mandate was sent by him to Richard Risbourghe, the Prior, summoning him to his presence, within three days, on pain of legal proceedings, wherever the Abbot might then be, within the limits of his jurisdiction. No further particulars, however, of the charges appear, or of what was ultimately done in reference to them. Charges of a more definite and more heinous character are also to be met with; the following is an extract from the Register for the later part of Whethamstede's second Abbacy, A.D. 1462:—

Charge of murder.

"[2] On the 14th day of June the Vicarage of [3] Saret was "given to John Skeltone, Chaplain; the same being "notoriously vacant because James Roche, the late Vicar "there, [4] with his wicked abettors, namely, Roger "Wittone, Esquire, and other strangers unknown, slew "and murdered Richard Glowcestre, his parishioner, an "[5] artificer with one Hogheler, and secretly buried him "in a certain field belonging to the said Roger Wittone,

[1] See p. 124.
[2] See p. 11.
[3] Now Sarratt, in Herts.
[4] *cum suo nequam concilio.*
[5] This, it is believed, is the meaning of "*artificem Hogheler*;" or possibly, "*hogheler*" may have signified some calling, now unknown.

" on Sunday the 16th day of May, in the same year;
" and the said James Roche, who was the Vicar there,
" for this reason took to flight." Beyond this, no mention is made of Roche, or his crime. Almost immediately after in the book, and in the same year, there is the following entry:—[1] " On the 3rd of July, collation of the " Vicarage of [2] Rudge was given to James Waleys, " Chaplain, at the instance of Henry Frowyk, Esquire; " because James Bernard, the late Vicar there, had been " indicted by the parishioners of Hadley, in the county " of Middlesex, for and upon certain high treasons and " felonies, etc; whereupon, he took to flight, and ab- " sented himself from thenceforth." We read no more of Bernard, or the charges made against him; his treason, not improbably, the time and locality considered, consisted in a manifestation of sympathy with the Lancastrian cause, the days of whose prosperity had passed away. Again, in August 1476, the Vicarage of Norton, in Hertfordshire, was [3] given by Abbot Walingforde to Thomas Trylle, Chaplain, it being vacant through the Vicar, " Richard Beby " by name, having taken to flight; the reason for which, however, does not transpire.

Charge of treason.

In the month of October 1479 the [4] Vicarage of [5] Shepehale was given by Abbot Walingforde to one Thomas Hemmyngforth, a Friar of the Order of the Augustinian Eremites, who was then Vicar of Saret in the same county, and who presented Letters Apostolic of Pope Sixtus the Fourth, dated in the preceding year, empowering him to hold two benefices in plurality. On the 28th of October in the following year, we find the Friar resigning Shepehale, and becoming Vicar of Rykmersworthe, on the presentation of Abbot Walingforde, within three weeks after that date; still holding Saret

Thomas Hemmyngforth, a Friar, ultimately deprived for apostacy.

[1] Pp. 11, 12.
[2] Now Ridge, in Herts.
[3] P. 161.
[4] P. 199.
[5] The parish of Shephall, near Stevenage, in Hertfordshire.
[6] See p. 237.

in plurality. Hemmyngforth's popularity, however, (though backed by a [1] Bull of Pope Pius the Second, certifying that he was capable of holding a benefice with cure of souls), was of but transient duration at St. Alban's; for on the 25th of May 1485, we find the Vicarage of Saret bestowed on John Jubbe, Chaplain, it being vacant,—"[2] Through the deprivation of Thomas " Hemmyngforth, Friar, of the Order of Friars Eremites " of Saint Austin, by reason of his apostasy." As to the nature of his offence, we have no particulars; had the Register come down to us in an unmutilated state, as to its closing folios, we might probably have learned something more about him.

Margaret Lucas, an offender against the Church.

Under date of the 10th of January 1470 one [3] Margaret Lucas, of Barnet, is mentioned, in a Certificate requesting her capture, that was sent by Abbot Albon to King Edward the Fourth, as having been,—" For her manifold " and manifest contumacies, shown in not obeying the " monitions and mandates of the Church, canonically " visited with sentence of the Greater Excommunication, " and publicly and solemnly denounced as so excommu- " nicated." No specific particulars as to the nature of her offences are given, to indicate whether she was more of a Lollard or of a veritable sinner. A Commission for the trial of Henry Dier, of St. Alban's, a heretic, is briefly mentioned in page 164.

Elizabeth Katherine Holsted, an Anchoress at St. Alban's.

In the month of January 1480, at the [4] instance both of King Edward and Queen Elizabeth, his wife, as also, " At the supplication of divers magnates dwelling in " the King's household," a certain [5] gentlewoman and widow, Elizabeth Katherine Holsted by name, was admitted to become an Anchoress at St. Peter's, in the town of St. Alban's; her lodging, no doubt, being in the chamber, (or "parvise," as it is sometimes called), over

[1] Pp. 199, 237.
[2] P. 273.
[3] Pp. 85, 86.
[4] See p. 202.
[5] *generosa*.

the porch of the parish church there: for those curious in such minute matters, the singularity, the age considered, of the devotee's double Christian [1] name, is recommended to notice.

Her double Christian name.

Men eminent for intellectual powers can hardly have been numerous at St. Alban's in these times. Nicholas Boston, already mentioned, was probably an active man of business, and a person of some ability. William Hardewyk, to whom it fell to preach the Sermon to the assembled Convent before the election of William Albon as Abbot, and, some years after, to present William Walingforde, Albon's successor, to the [2] King, was entrusted with various Commissions of importance. He became Prior of the Cell of Wallingford; and the last mention we here have of him is, as [3] Chancellor to Abbot Walingforde, on the Visitation of the Abbey by John Esteney, Abbot of Westminster, in 1480. Thomas Newlond, successively [4] Hostrer and Kitchener, and finally, [5] Prior and Kitchener combined, is another of the more prominent men at this time at St. Alban's. Thomas Ramrugge, or Ramridge, who succeeded Abbot Walingforde, was [6] Third Prior, at the time of the Abbot of Westminster's Visitation; his name, as may be seen on reference to the Index, not unfrequently occurs in these pages. John Rothbury, a North country man, if we may judge from his name, and transplanted probably from the Cell of Tynemouth, was [6] Archdeacon and Sacrist at the time of the Visitation in 1480; his name occurs, in connexion with Commissions and other

Men of ability at St. Alban's, in these times.

William Hardewyk.

Thomas Newlond.

Thomas Ramrugge.

John Rothbury.

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[1] In reference to names, it deserves remark, that Richard Frebregge, or Thebregge, of Sandrugge, whose manumission is mentioned in p. 93, has five sons, who are also manumitted, two of whom have the Christian name of "Thomas."

[2] And Queen, at Fotheringhay; the Abbot's train consisting of 44 horsemen, and his servants being arrayed in new livery of Kendal green; see pp. 158, 159.

[3] P. 231.

[4] Or Keeper of the Hostrey, or Guest-chamber.

[5] P. 230.

[6] P. 231.

John Peyton.

business of importance, more frequently in the book than that of any other inmate of St. Alban's. "Master "John Peyton, Doctor of Canon Law," was an invalid, and [1] bedridden, at the time of the Visitation before mentioned: from the cases in which we find mention made of his name, we may conclude him to have been a man at least well versed in Canon Law.

John Bensted, Prior of Tynemouth.

John Bensted, it is believed, was the immediate successor of Nicholas Boston, as Prior of Tynemouth, about the year 1494. He is [2] mentioned as being the Abbot's Chaplain at St. Alban's, at the time of the Visitation in 1480: this passage being [3] quoted by Gibson in his [4] *History of Tynemouth*, with the additional observation, that "as to his parentage and "education, no particulars have come down to us:" a statement, however, for which there is no foundation, inasmuch as there is an entry in the [5] Register of Abbot Albon, to the effect that, on the 11th of July 1470, John Bensted, [6] gentleman, then of the age of 15 years, (together with several others there named), was admitted to the monastic habit: with the additional information, that Bensted was son of Edward Bensted, Esquire, then vulgarly called "Maister of the Game," and godson to John Newbury, Esquire, the Abbot's Secretary. The peculiar calling of Bensted's father is explained by a passage in the [7] *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, where it is stated, under the first year of Henry the Seventh (A.D. 1485), that, jointly with [8] Phelip Botirely, Esquire, he was "Otter-hunte" (hunter) to the King. In p. 376 of the same volume, and under the same year, the same Edward Bensted,

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[1] *gistarius*, p. 230.
[2] P. 231.
[3] From Newcome's *History of St. Alban's*, p. 392.
[4] Vol. II., p. 89.
[5] P. 90 of this Volume.
[6] *generosus*.
[7] Vol. VI., pp. 356, 376.
[8] The Philip Bettyrley, no doubt, who is named in this Volume, p. 223.

Esquire, is again mentioned, as being Keeper of the Park of Hertyngfordebury, in the same county.

Some among the items which form the Appendix to the present Volume, consisting either of excerpts or fragments bearing reference to the remote history of the Abbey of St. Alban's, seem to be of a sufficiently curious nature to deserve here, at least, a cursory notice.—

Rules of the Grammar School of St. Alban's, *temp.* Edward II.

The "Rules of the Grammar School of St. Alban's" (pp. 305–315) in the time of King Edward the Second, form a separate article in a small quarto volume in the Lansdowne Collection at the British Museum (No. 375); in which they have been transcribed, along with many other extracts relative to the Almonry of St. Alban's, in a hand of probably the time of Richard the Second, the latter part of the 14th century. As throwing some little light upon the internal regulations of an English Grammar School at so remote a date, though in terms almost as ungrammatical as they are brief and obscure, these passages deserve examination. The Grammar School was supported by funds from the Almonry of St. Alban's, at least to some extent, and was evidently looked upon as a charitable institution, in some degree.

Examination of the "Chest" of the Grammar School, in the year 1328.

On the Day of St. Edward the Martyr (18th March) 1328, (the second year of the reign of King Edward the Third), examination was made of the [1]"Chest" belonging to the Grammar [2]School of St. Alban's. There were found in it, upon this occasion, four documents, bearing reference to the School Statutes; a large copy of Priscian,—his work "*De Arte Grammatica*," no doubt;—[3]two mitres, and one episcopal staff; a

[1] Probably the "Chest of St. Nicholas," mentioned in the sequel, p. li.

[2] Or, more correctly,—"Schools;" *Scholæ Grammaticales.*

[3] It is worth suggesting, perhaps, that these may have borne reference to the Boy Bishop, formerly elected in schools on St. Nicholas' Day, 6th of December.

deed relating to the School-house; and two [1] wax candles, under two pounds in weight. The Priscian was handed over to the [2] Head Master, we are told, for the boys to examine, when [3] they liked: and the Master had to make oath as to its future safe custody, one [4] Master Reginald being his [5] surety for the due performance of so arduous a duty.

Account of the documents found in the Chest.

[6] Four of the five documents before referred to are then recited in full. The first has no date, but, from internal evidence, no doubt it belongs to the [7] reign of Edward the Second. From its terms it would seem that a certain John of Langley, in that reign, though not the founder of this school, was a gracious benefactor to it. He had before made an allowance of four shillings yearly to the scholars, he says, as his "special alms," and he now gives them a house, upon Bokerhulle, in the town, situate next to his own. The Master, he further adds in his deed of gift, is to receive no "contribution" from the sixteen poorest scholars in the school: but the other scholars, "accord-" ing to the old custom," are to [8] pay the Master for their teaching.

The second document, so recited, is executed by Abbot Hugh Eversdone, on the [9] 13th of the Kalends of July 1310. He mentions the Statutes [10] of his Grammar Schools of St. Albans', as having been confirmed under the Archdeaconry Seal, and these he himself accordingly ratifies and confirms: adding thereto an expression of his leave and desire that the Master, for

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[1] The use of these candles will appear in the sequel, p. liii.

[2] *Summus Magister.*

[3] *pro voluntate eorum.*

[4] See p. 305.

[5] Strictly, "mainpernor."

[6] Perhaps the whole of them, if we take them to be the same with those in pp. 305, 307, 308, 309, and reckon with them the Ordinance in p. 315.

[7] William de Bolum, mentioned in p. 306, is named under this reign in the *Gesta Abbatum.*

[8] *Magistro tribuant.*

[9] 19th of June.

[10] *Scholarum nostrarum Grammaticalium.*

the time being, shall "weaken, check, destroy, and root "out, all adulterine schools," within the Abbot's "terri- "tory or jurisdiction;" and at the same time forbidding any person, on pain of [1] being discommoned, to keep such schools, without first having leave and licence so to do.

The confirmatory deed, before mentioned, of nearly the same date, and executed by John Passevant, the then Archdeacon, next follows; wherein, among other things, he—"Gives, grants, and allows, to the said Master, "for the time being, judgment in all causes and dis- "putes of his scholars and [2] *bacularii;* and as to laymen "and all others doing injury to the scholars of such "Master, and to his *bacularii,* making contracts with "them, defaming them, and rashly laying violent hands "upon them."

Statutes for the regulation of the Grammar School.

This is [3] followed, in order, by a set of Statutes for the regulation of the school, bearing date the 16th of the Kalends of October (15th September) 1309; and formally enacted, in presence of a Notary Public, by a personage not named, except as being [4] "judge of the "lawful rights of the Grammar Schools of St. Alban's;" and "with the unanimous consent of the Master and "all the *Bacularii* set forth."

Among these rules, which, as already stated, are very obscurely worded, the following, in a condensed form, appear to be the more deserving of notice.—

No one is to enter the school as a scholar, unless his name is put down in the Master's list.

No scholar is to wander or run about the ways and streets, without reasonable and just cause for doing so.

Occurrence of the term "*bacularius*" therein.

No person, clerk or layman, or any other person who is a *bacularius,* of whatsoever state or condition, is to lay

[1] This must be the meaning of "*sub pœna excommunicationis.*"

[2] We forbear giving an English equivalent to this word for the present.

[3] P. 309.

[4] Not improbably, the same personage that was known by the name of the "Official;" see line 7, p. 310.

violent hands upon the Master's scholars, in school or out, or to defame them, on pain of being discommoned.

If a scholar, whether in school or not, shall give a blow ever so lightly, or [1] misbehave himself in a passion, or make a noise, against the statutes, his [2] hood shall be taken from him by the usher; and he himself is to be presented to the vice-monitor, and by him chastised.

The [3] usher, or under-usher, is always to be seated at the door, and is to allow not so many as two or three scholars to go out at one time, except for some just reason, and of necessity.

An order is made that no *bacularius* shall [4] shew temper in school, or make a noise, on any account, on pain of being [5] discommoned; and if, after being thrice admonished, such persons shall refuse to desist, they are to be deprived, meaning, probably, removed altogether.

"Also, the Master, on pain of discommoning, forbids "that any one in future shall presume to occupy the "place of the *bacularii*, unless they are such as have "studied in a [6] proper University, or it can be ascer- "tained, through lawful documents, as to their position."

The rank of *bacularius* conferred, apparently, within the school, as well as at the Universities.

The rank of *bacularius* (*culmen baculariorum*), in imitation of the Universities, would seem to have been conferred also within the precincts of the school itself; for we find it [7] enacted, that if any one should wish to reach (*ascendere*) the same, he was to receive a theme (*proverbium*) from the Master of the School, and compose verses, a discourse, and [8] rhythm thereon, and then publicly [9] discuss in the school; unless, indeed, the

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[1] *rabiando deliquerit.*

[2] *caputium.*

[3] We here have the primary meaning of the word "usher;" from the French *huyssier*, one who sits at the *huys*, or "door;" "*ostiarius*," from the Latin *ostium*, a door.

[4] *in schola rabiant.*

[5] *sub pœna excommunicationis*, as before.

[6] Or "acknowledged," *rationabili.*

[7] P. 312.

[8] The exact meaning here of "*rhythmum*," seems to be obscure.

[9] This seems to be the meaning of "*conferant.*"

Master should graciously make some remission therein. The candidate was also to give six pence, or more, according to his means, on the Sunday of [1] St. Nicholas. Unless this was done, he was not to enjoy the privileges of a *bacularius*. The drinkings, and other things usual in this case, were to go on as before.

No person, whether a *bacularius* or not, was to hold a seat in the school without the Master's leave; and in any case, it would seem that he was bound to pass an examination in the rules of grammar, and dispute thereon in the school, and upon other matters, before doing so.

No one, on pain of being discommoned, was rashly to lay violent hands on the Masters of the School: and should he do so, while discommoned, he was to receive salutary [2] discipline in school,—in other words, a sound beating,—from all the *baculariі* there; unless, indeed, he should have "made satisfaction to God and to the "Church," instead.

Two of the *baculariі*, fitting and discreet persons, were to be selected by the Master to keep the chest of St. Nicholas, and, upon oath, to render good and faithful account for the same. The use to which this chest of St. Nicholas was put is not clearly stated; and in this instance, as in several others, these rules are rendered doubly obscure by the [3] badness of the grammar in which they are written; but it seems, (probably with other things, such as the mitres and episcopal staff, before mentioned), to have properly had twelve wax candles, or torches, among its contents; which the poorer scholars, or even mendicants, with the Master's permission, were allowed to hold at funeral obsequies; in return for a small money payment, no doubt. In page 314 the *baculariі* are again mentioned, as holding rank above the *scholares*, and next to the Master in the school.

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[1] The Patron Saint of the young. This would mean the Sunday next after the 6th of December.

[2] *disciplinam;* a beating.

[3] See p. 313.

Youthful age, formerly, of students resorting to the Universities of Western Europe.

It is probably not too much to say, that satisfactory evidence exists to shew that the students who resorted to the Universities, or "Schools," as they were also called, of Western Europe, Paris and Oxford, for example, in the 12th, 13th, and 14th, centuries, were little more than mere children as to age; and what is now understood as the discipline of children was no doubt enforced upon them. From the readiness of the St. Alban's people to incorporate among their own junior teachers young persons of the standing of "*bacularius*" in one of the [1] acknowledged Universities, as also, to confer that [2] rank, upon an examination of their own, we have apparently fair right to surmise that their mode of teaching was modelled upon the plan that had for some time prevailed, and then still prevailed, in the English Universities of that day.

The mode of teaching at St. Alban's probably modelled upon that of the Universities.

Probable duties of the *bacularius* at the Universities.

The head teacher in the school was the *Summus Magister*, or Head Master, a Master of Arts in standing, no doubt: there seem also to have been other [3] Masters as well. The *baculariі* at St. Alban's, whether University men or of their own domestic growth, were to assist the Head Master, and, under his guidance, to inflict "salutary discipline"—flogging—when needed. The principal instructors in the Universities, from their standing, were the Masters of Arts; the younger among whom were officially known as [4] "Ruling in the Schools" —otherwise, chief teachers in the University,—and so continued in name, for centuries after this duty had ceased to be obligatory upon them. The *baculariі*, as we have seen the case at St. Alban's, would also be University teachers, in aid, and under the guidance, of the chief teachers, the younger Masters of Arts. The origin of their title, (in spite of all that has been said

[1] *rationabili.*

[2] *culmen.*

[3] *Magistros dictarum scholarum*, in p. 312.

[4] *Regentes in Scholis*; a term still remembered, as applied to the junior Masters of Arts, at Cambridge.

and written as to the primary meaning of the University degree of "Bachelor"), seems hardly far to seek. The word throughout these Statutes is [1] *bacularius*, and we have seen that the administration of "discipline," or flagellation, was a recognized duty of the "*bacularius*," when acting as a junior teacher in the school. His duty in the University was probably of a [2] similar character: in either case, he would use a "*baculus*," or stick. The Masters of Arts, while "ruling" in the Schools," would feel the personal chastisement of their young pupils irksome, and a source of trouble and annoyance: but it was a rule among the ecclesiastics that corporal chastisement was never to be inflicted by an inferior, but always by an equal, if not a superior, in rank; what more likely than that they should institute an order among the more advanced scholars, denoting them to be higher in rank than the others, probationary Masters, in fact, or far advanced towards that degree; and throw upon them the burden not only of teaching, but of punishing also, under their own supervision? The title [3] "*Dominus*," or "Sir," would be appropriated, as a mark of honour, to the young student, to distinguish him, in the mode of addressing him, from the general class of students, he himself continuing to be in the meantime, (as is still the case in our Universities to this day), *in statu pupillari*, a pupil in rank. The Public School "monitors," of more recent date, occupy exactly the same

Apparent origin of the term "*bacularius*."

The title "*Dominus*," or "Sir."

The Public School "monitors" of

[1] And not "*baccalaureus*," which in all probability is a corrupt form.

[2] The verb "*baculare*" is identified in Henschel's ed. of Du Cange with the French "*baculer*," as meaning "*pala clunes verberare*," the characteristic, almost universally, of public school "discipline," down to a recent period. The University monitor would have his name from the *baculus*, or stick, which he was empowered to use. Undergraduates were "whipt in the butteries," as a punishment, at Cambridge, so recently as the year 1667.

[3] This is still the formal title of the Bachelor of Arts at the Universities; and the English title "Sir" was entered before the surnames of Bachelors of Arts at Cambridge, at least down to the first quarter of last century.

more recent date.

position, there can be little doubt, as that held by the *baculārii* in St. Alban's School; and the original Statutes of the ancient School of William of Wykeham at Winchester, (of which we have been hearing so much of late in reference to monitorial powers of chastisement), only about 80 years later in date than those of St. Alban's, now under notice, were in no less degree founded, in all probability, upon the system of teaching and discipline still prevalent in the English Universities in his day.

The Feast at St. Alban's, on the election of John de Maryns, as Abbot, in 1302.

Among the extracts given at the end of this Volume (pp. 319–364) from the fine old St. Alban's Manuscript Cotton. Tiberius E. vi., much of which has been rendered wholly [1] illegible by the fire at Ashburnham House in 1731, the most interesting passage perhaps is the account of the expenditure incurred on the occasion of the feast given at St. Alban's, on the election of John de Maryns, as Abbot, in 1302.

Provision made for it.

Fish and spices (or dessert) for the feast, were bought in London, figs, almonds, and raisins, forming part of the latter. Rice was also used, sugar in loaves, honey, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, mace, galingale, or sweet cyperus, saffron, cummin, [2] alkanet, and vinegar. "*Amedon*" is also included, (fine flour steeped in water, and then dried in the sun), blanch-powder, and "greyne," meaning, perhaps, "grains," or larger cardamoms. For sauces, *gingivire* and *galatine* were used, (preparations from ginger and galingale, or sweet cyperus); with three gallons of mustard. Six tuns of wine are mentioned as being bought for the occasion; of which the "minstrels," no doubt, would have their share, who were also

[1] For a long time it was regarded as wholly destroyed; but more recently the leaves have been stretched and repaired, and a large portion of its contents is legible, though in a fragmentary form.

[2] "*Colours*" are also mentioned; these, like the alkanet (a kind of bugloss) were probably used for colouring the viands. According to the *Forme of Cury* (ed. 1780) alkanet was sometimes fried for purposes of cookery.

paid for their services the, comparatively speaking, large sum of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Under the head of the "poultry" in vogue at the time, we find bitterns and herons (without any number given), 18 geese, 328 capons, 424 pullets, 18 cygnets, and 28 peacocks, put upon the tables. "Wild beasts" (or beasts of the chase) are mentioned, without any specified number; 12 carcasses of oxen were consumed, 64 of mutton, and sucking-pigs 12 in number. Of ale already brewed only one tun seems to have been ordered, but then there is an item of 20 quarters of malt, in addition thereto. The bread consumed was 44 quarters, or eleven hundred-weight. The only other article bought on the occasion that more especially calls for notice, is a new saddle for the Abbot, at the price of eleven shillings; to be employed when he was riding in state, no doubt, upon his palfrey, or mule.

This must have been a feast on a scale hardly inferior in magnitude to the famous Installation Banquet of George Neville, Archbishop of York, in 1465, and the guests, unless indeed the feasting was prolonged for days, can hardly have been fewer than to be reckoned by thousands. The servants of the Abbey would of course come in for their share of the good things; but, from the highest down almost to the very lowest, there seems little doubt they were expected to [1] contribute towards the expenses from their own resources. [2] Walter Tubbe, for example, a servant who must have stood high in office in the Abbot's household, contributed the munificent sum of 60 shillings, while Adam, the Organist in the Abbot's house, gave only six pence; and "two others," and only two, are named as giving nothing at all. Geoffrey, the Cook to the Infirmary, gave six pence, and the same sum was contributed by William Flauerber, the man, probably, who made for

Contribution towards the expenses of the feast, by the servants of the Abbey.

[1] See pp. 335-338.

[2] A house is mentioned as belonging to him, in the *Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. II., pp. 120, 127.

the invalids the light cakes known as "flaumpayns," or "flawns." Simon Dode, attached in some capacity to the Abbot's Hostrey, or Guest-chamber, gave 20 shillings, Walter the Cook 12 pence, and Ralph the Cook 2 shillings. Among servants of the Convent Hostrey, William the Abbot's Nephew gave 2 shillings, Thomas Sauser (meaning probably, Purveyor of the Sauces), 12 pence, William Crokede (? Crooked William) 12 pence, and John Potager (maker of the soup, or pottage) six pence. The persons contribute who are employed in the Sartrey, or tailoring department, the Corveserie, or shoemaking, and the Laundry; the servants also in the Abbot's Brewery and Bakehouse, and those in the Convent Bakehouse, as well. Candin, the "boy (*garcio*) at the "Gate," gives six pence, and Nicholas Palfre, (probably the Palfreyman, or Keeper of the Palfreys), 6*s.* 8*d.* Thomas Lardiner, (Keeper of the Larder, or Bacon-house), gives 12 pence. Thomas the Huntsman, (or "Hunt," as he would be called,) [1] apparently, six pence. The Swineherd is also down for, apparently, the same sum; Wyot, William, and Adam, all Carters, contribute also, but the sums have disappeared. Among other like contributors are named, Geoffrey of the Tannery, Alan the Miller, Hanek the Kitchener's boy, Robert the Refectorer's boy, Roger the Carpenter, John Cuper (the Cooper), Symon the Tiler, William his boy, Andrew the Tiler, and his boy, the Blacksmith, the Swineherd's boy, and the Fisherman. The list closes with servants of the Stable, the Warren, the Parlour, and the Gate; the total contributed by them all, upwards of 100 in number, being 11*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* Contributions made by tenants then follow.

Letter relative to Robert de Brus, Earl of Carrick, of the date,

The mutilated letter, in Norman-French, given in pages 347–353, relative to the then recent movements of Robert de Brus, Earl of Carrick, in opposition to King Edward the First, belongs either to the year 1297

[1] The denomination is effaced by fire.

or 1298, the former perhaps the more likely of the two. It is not stated by whom it was written, but as the writer speaks of "honour and reverence," as due to the person addressed, it seems not unlikely that it was written to John de Berkhamstede, the then Abbot of St. Alban's. Despite its incompleteness, had its existence been known to him, it would no doubt have found an appropriate place in Mr. Stevenson's valuable volumes, recently published, containing a collection of Scottish historical documents of this date. The summons of Walter Logan by the Earl of Carrick to surrender Dumbarton Castle, and his answer, form perhaps the most intelligible portion of this fragment of a volume, which, before it became a prey to the flames, evidently contained many things that, though long overlooked, would have proved of considerable[1] interest to those best able to appreciate them.

probably, of the year 1297.

The Letters of Abbot John Whethamstede, given in Appendix E, pages 365–476 of this Volume, would more appropriately have found a place in the Appendix to the *Annales* of Amundesham, previously printed; occupying, as they do, the earlier pages (folios 1 to 32) of the same manuscript, Cotton. Claudius D I., and written evidently by the same hand as the earlier folios of Amundesham's compilation. Some few of them, however, have been repeated in Amundesham's context; and therefore, to avoid what would have been a needless repetition, are here omitted, due reference being made to the pages in that work, where they are to be found.

Letters of Abbot Whethamstede, in the Appendix.

The most remarkable feature in these letters is their singular verboseness and prolixity. They contain but little in the way of real information: but had he had much to disclose to his correspondents, the worthy

Character of these letters.

[1] Of this nature would have been the mutilated Letter (pp. 355, 356) in reference to the treatment of Pope Boniface the Eighth, by William de Longaret and the King of France. In its present state, some parts of it are unintelligible.

Abbot's involved style and[1] far-fetched allusions would have tended materially towards not allowing it to be appreciated, or indeed, quite clearly understood. From his[2] Letters, for example, addressed to the Benedictine Students of Gloucester College at Oxford, we do not gain a fraction of a kind of knowledge which would have been a great gain to us, an insight into the studies and discipline of the place at that day. In his[3] Letter to Richard, Abbot of Abingdon, President of the Benedictines in England, the excesses of that Order are enlarged upon, in terms that are intelligible, it must be admitted, so much so, indeed, as almost to amount to[4] repulsiveness.

Those to the Benedictine Students at Oxford.

In his[5] Letter addressed to the Prior of Coventry, the Abbot is severe upon several of his contemporaries, lately members of the Benedictine Order; who, the moment they had reached the episcopal chair, as he implies, forthwith turned their backs upon their former Order and friends. Philip de Repingdon, Bishop of Lincoln, late Abbot of Leicester, as being one of these offenders, comes in for a share of his irony; Thomas Spofford, also, the Bishop of Hereford, has levelled against him what, were it only[6] intelligible, might possibly be found to be wit. Third on the list as an object of his satire, comes the Bishop of Lichfield, William Heyworth, his own predecessor as Abbot of St. Alban's; upon whom he sarcastically remarks, that, as he had been "ablative" (taking away) on his departure from St. Alban's, he may prove to be dative (in giving mood) if he should chance to come back again. More is added, in language almost unintelligible, though in a sneering spirit, in reference to the very man to whom he elsewhere addresses letters,

Letter addressed to the Prior of Coventry.

William Heyworth.

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[1] See his Letter to the Prior of Tynemouth, for example, pp. 440–442.

[2] Pp. 382, 416, 419, 431.

[3] Pp. 383–387.

[4] See his invectives against bad language in p. 385; where he is, indirectly, so hard upon the "*histriones*," or actors.

[5] Pp. 392–395.

[6] Foot of p. 393.

generally characteristic of overstrained compliment and [1] obsequiousness.

From his [2] Letter to the Bishop of Durham, Thomas Langley, the then Lord Chancellor, he seems to have incurred that prelate's resentment, by allowing one of his own people to entice away a singing-boy from the Bishop's chapel. What were the exact circumstances, or what the final result, we know not; but the Abbot laboriously excuses himself, by summoning abundant quotations from Scripture to his aid.

Letter to Thomas Langley, Bishop of Durham.

In his [3] Letter to Thomas, Prior of the Cell of Tynemouth, the Abbot furnishes an [4] Epitaph, in Latin Leonines, for his uncle, of the same name as himself, who had formerly been Prior of that place. The epitaph has not sufficient merit to deserve to be placed a second time before the reader, but its two closing lines are sufficiently tame and mawkish to call for notice :—

Letter to Thomas, Prior of Tynemouth.

" En ! licet oblita, jacet hic sub pulvere trita,
" Sculpta suis annis Whethamstede imago Johannis."

Epitaph upon John Whethamstede, the former Prior, his uncle.

Our limits remind us,—whatever the interest that may attach to the rest of this Volume's contents,—of the necessity of here concluding this prefatory notice.

It would be worse than a mere omission, were the Editor to fail to avail himself of the present opportunity of expressing his thanks to the Curators of the Bodleian Library, for their obliging loan to him of the St. Alban's Manuscript, Rawlinson B. 332.

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[1] See pp. 412, 435, 436, 452, 455.
[2] P. 406.
[3] P. 439.
[4] P. 441.

CORRIGENDA.

Page 22, Note 4, *for* " (a) " *read* " (7a)."
„ 23, Note 3, *dele* " Probably."
„ 53, Side-note, *for* " Univer- " *read* " University."
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„ 99, Side-note, *for* " next the " *read* " the next."
„ 169, line 32, *for* " fi " *read* " fidei."
„ 214, Note 1, *for* " 160 " *read* " 184."
„ 263, Note 3, *for* " 225 " *read* " 255."
„ 279, Side-note, *for* " Goal " *read* " Gaol."
„ 287, line 3, *for* " Ricardum " *read* " Willelmum."

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Page 90, line 6, *for* " Parsaceues " *read* " Parasceues."
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„ 372, line 31, *for* " Epicopum " *read* " Episcopum."
„ 427, line 9, *for* " avaritæ " *read* " avaritiæ."
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[REGISTRUM ABBATIÆ JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE,

ABBATIS MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, ITERUM SUSCEPTÆ].

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Littera Procuratoria, missa Domino Regi, ad excusandum Dominum Abbatem a Parliamento. A.D. 1459.

Letter of proxy, by reason of the Abbot's non-attendance in Parliament, owing to his infirmities.

" Christianissimo excellentissimoque Principi, Domino " suoque præpotentissimo, Domino [2] Edwardo, Dei " gratia, illustri Regi Angliæ et Franciæ, et Domino " Hiberniæ, suus humilis et devotus Capellanus, Jo- " hannes, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, re- " commendationem humilem, [3] immo, [4] humillimam, in " Eo per Quem reges regnant, principesque dominan- " tur. Quia Parliamento vestro, per vos in hac instanti " die Martis, die, videlicet, Sancti [5] Edwardi, Regis et " [6] Martyris, apud civitatem Conventrensem [7] affuturo, " gravibus corporis mei infirmitatibus in monasterio " prænominato detentus, personaliter interesse non pos-

[1] A large portion of the MS., amounting to 18 folios, is lost at the beginning. Small fragments of six of the preceding leaves are still visible.

[2] A mistake for "*Henrico*," if the Parliament begun at Coventry, on the 20th of November 1459, is meant.

[3] *ymo* in MS.

[4] *humilimam* in MS.

[5] An error for "*Edmundi*," apparently, as the Parliament began on the 20th of November, that Saint's day.

[6] *Martiris* in MS.

[7] Indistinct, and somewhat doubtful.

A.D. 1459. " sum, venerabilem [1] mihi in Christo Patrem et Domi-
" num, Dominum [2] Johannem, permissione divina, Epi-
" scopum Herfordensem, attornatum, seu procuratorem,
" meum specialem ordino, facio, et constituo, per præ-
" sentes; dans et concedens eidem venerabili patri
" liberam potestatem erga vestram regiam [3] Majestatem
" meam absentiam excusandi, in dicto Parliamento in-
" teressendi, consentiendi, et recipiendi quicquid per
" Concilium regni, Prælatos, et Proceres, pro statu dicti
" regni [4] vestri Angliæ, et expeditione aliorum negotio-
" rum vestrorum quorumcunque, quod salubriter fuerit
" ordinatum; ratum et gratum habiturus quicquid
" idem attornatus, seu procurator, meus fecerit in præ-
" missis. In cujus rei testimonium, has litteras paten-
" tes dictus vester orator infirmus sigillo suo fecerat
" consignari. Data in Domo Capitulari monasterii
" antedicti."

[5] *Walyngton.—Licentia præsentationis concessa Johanni* [6] *Prysot, Capitali Justiciario Domini Regis de* [7] *Communi Banco, pro Rectoria de Walyngtone, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ.*

Grant of the next presentation of the church of Walyngtone to John Prisot, Chief Justice of the Common Bench.

" Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, ad quorum
" notitiam hoc præsens scriptum indentatum pervene-
" rit, Johannes, miseratione divina, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Lincolniensis [8] Diœcesis,
" salutem in Eo Qui est omnium vera salus. Cum jus
" patronatus et præsentationis Ecclesiæ Parochialis de
" [9] Walyngtone, Lincolniensis [8] Diœcesis, in Comitatu
" Hertfordiæ, cum vacare contigerit, ad nos, ut de jure

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[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] John Stanbury.
[3] *Magestatem* in MS.
[4] *vestræ* in MS.
[5] Now Wallington, in Hertfordshire, near Baldock.
[6] See Foss's *Judges of England*, Vol. IV., p. 356.
[7] *Comuni* in MS.
[8] *Diocesis* in MS.
[9] Sir John Prisot was owner of the Manor of Walyngtone.

" ecclesiæ Sancti Albani, ac monasterii nostri prædicti, A.D. 1458.
" pertineat, et pertinere dinoscitur; — sciatis tamen
" nos, præfatum Abbatem, ob specialem amorem quem
" erga venerabilem virum, Johannem Prisot, Capitalem
" Justiciarium Domini Regis de Communi Banco, ges-
" simus, et adhuc gerimus, per præsentes, concessisse
" eidem Johanni Prysot præsentationem dictæ ecclesiæ
" de Walyngtone, quomodocunque proxime vacaverit;
" sic quod idem Johannes Prisot quemcunque Capella-
" num [1] idoneum, vice et nomine nostro, cum litteris
" præsentationis sub sigillo nostro, ad dictam ecclesiam
" de Walyngtone, hac vice tantum, præsentare valeat.
" In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum nostrum, Ab-
" batis et Conventus, ad Causas, quam præfati Johan-
" nis Prisot, præsenti scripto indentato alternatim sunt
" appensa. Data decimo die Junii, anno Domini mil-
" lesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo octavo."

Fraternitas.

Grant of the rights of fraternity of the Convent to Robert White, of Ferneham, and others.

" [2] Johannes, miseratione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lin-
" colniensis [3] Diœcesis, carissimis nostris, et prædilectis,
" Roberto White, de Ferneham, in Comitatu Surreiæ,
" *Marchaunte*, Aliciæ, ejusdem nuper consorti, jam de-
" functæ, Johanni White, Alianoræque, uxori ejus, Ri-
" cardo Dayne, Willelmo Foster, et Thomæ Sharp, de
" dictis villa et comitatu, salutem, et, cum devotissimo
" orationum suffragio, cœlestium incrementa donorum.
" Sinceram devotionem vestram, quam, ob reverentiam
" Omnipotentis Dei, et Beatissimi Patroni nostri, An-
" glorum [4] Protomartyris, Albani, ad Ordinem et Monas-
" terium nostrum pio animo geritis, puræ caritatis

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[1] *ydoneum* in MS.

[2] The context here (folio 1 b present numeration) is almost effaced by damp.

[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

[4] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

" affectu, considerantes, pariter et intime acceptantes,
" cupientesque vobis, quantum possumus, in aspectu
" Conditoris, vices rependere salutares, vos in fraterni-
" tatem ac sororitatem totius nostræ professionis rece-
" pimus tenore præsentium; vobisque, in vita pariter
" et in morte, plenam participationem omnium suffra-
" giorum ac spiritualium bonorum, quæ [1] a modo per
" totam nostram professionem, sive in Monasterio, sive
" in Cellis eidem annexis, die nocteque fieri consueve-
" runt, videlicet, Matutinis, Missis, Vesperis, Horisque
" Canonicis, jejuniis, vigiliis, disciplinis, orationibus,
" [2] eleemosynis, ac cæteris omnibus et singulis benefi-
" ciis et operibus spiritualibus, quantum cum Deo po-
" terimus, concedimus in visceribus Salvatoris: adji-
" cientes vobis insuper, de gratia nostra speciali, ut
" cum dies obitus vestri in nostro Capitulo fuerit de-
" nunciatus, fiet pro vobis per totam nostram profes-
" sionem quod pro nostræ fraternationis defunctis, et,
" post mortem, Deo recommendatis, inter nos fieri
" usualiter consuevit. In cujus rei testimonium, has
" litteras patentes nostro [3] communi sigillo fecimus com-
" muniri. Data in Domo nostro Capitulari, *et cætera.*"

Watford.

Collation of Thomas Fareman to the Vicarage of Watford. A.D. 1461.

Mensis Septembris die decimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo primo, data fuit [4] collatio Vicariæ de Watford Domino Thomæ Fareman, Capellano, per viam permutationis inter Dominum Thomam Olyf, Vicarium ibidem, et præfatum Thomam Fareman; salva annua [5] pensione duodecim marcarum.

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[1] *ammodo* in MS.
[2] *elemosinis* in MS.
[3] *comuni* in MS.
[4] *colatio* in MS.
[5] *pencione* in MS.

Codycote.—Præsentatio ecclesiæ de Codicote per Moniales de Sopwelle—per resignationem.

Admission of Thomas Farnelle to the Vicarage of Codicote, on the presentation of the Prioress and Convent of Sopwelle.

" Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, dilecto nobis in [2] Christo, Domino Thomæ Farnelle, Capellano, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ad Vicariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de [3] Codicote, nostrarum institutionis et jurisdictionis exemptæ, liberam per resignationem Domini N. *et cætera*, ultimi Vicarii ibidem, in manibus nostris factam, et per nos admissam, vacantem, te admittimus; ad quam per religiosas mulieres, Priorissam et Conventum Domus Beatæ Mariæ de Sopwelle, dictæ nostræ jurisdictionis exemptæ, vere ipsius ecclesiæ [4] patronessas, præsentatus existis. Ac te Vicarium perpetuum, cum onere continualis et personalis residentiæ ibidem, juxta formam Constitutionum [5] legitimarum in ea parte editarum, coram nobis corporaliter juratum, instituimus canonice in eadem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis; jure, dignitate, et consuetudinibus, monasterii nostri antedicti, in omnibus semper salvis. Data in dicto nostro monasterio, nostro sub sigillo."

Codicote.—Alia forma præsentandi ad dictam ecclesiam.

Another form of admission.

" Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, dilectis nobis in Christo, J. N., Capellano, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ad Vicariam perpetualem Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Codicote, nostrarum institutionis et jurisdictionis exemptæ,

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] Or Cudicote, in Hertfordshire.
[4] *patrone'* in MS.
[5] *legittimarum* in MS.

" per liberam resignationem Domini T. P., ultimi Vi-
" carii ibidem, in manibus nostris factam, et per nos
" admissam, vacantem, ac ad præsentationem Dominæ
" A., Priorissæ Domus Beatæ Mariæ de Sopwelle, et
" ejusdem loci Conventus, te recepimus; ac te Vicarium
" perpetuum, cum onere continualis et personalis resi-
" dentiæ ibidem, juxta formam Constitutionum [1] legiti-
" marum in ea parte editarum, coram nobis corporaliter
" juratum, instituimus canonice in eadem, cum suis
" juribus et pertinentiis universis; jure, dignitate, et
" consuetudinibus, monasterii nostri antedicti in omni-
" bus semper salvis. Data in dicto nostro monasterio,
" nostro sub sigillo, *et cætera.*"

Tynby.—Præsentatio facta Episcopo Menevensi pro Ecclesia de Tynby, in Pembroke, in Southe Wallia.

Presentation of John Smythe, Archdeacon of St. David's, to the church of Tynby, in Pembroke. A.D. 1461.

" Reverendo in [2] Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" [3] Roberto, miseratione divina, Menevensi Episcopo,
" vester humilis et devotus, Johannes, eadem gratia,
" Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis
" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, omnimodas
" reverentias et honores. Ad Ecclesiam Parochialem
" de [5] Tynby, dictæ vestræ [4] Diœcesis et mei patronatus,
" vacantem, ac ad meam præsentationem, ratione Prio-
" ratus Sancti [6] Nicolai de Monkton, in Pembrochia,
" [6] mihi et dicto monasterio appropriati et uniti, no-
" torie spectantem, dilectum [7] mihi in [2] Christo, Magis-
" trum Johannem Smythe, Archidiaconum Ecclesiæ
" Cathedralis Menevensis prædictæ, Paternitati vestræ
" Reverendæ præsento; supplicans humiliter et devote,
" quatinus eundem Magistrum Johannem Smythe ad
" dictam ecclesiam admittere, ac ipsum in eadem insti-
" tuere, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis,

[1] *legittimarum* in MS.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] Robert Tully.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] Now Tenby, in Pembrokeshire.
[6] *Nicholay* in MS.
[7] *michi* in MS.

" cæteraque peragere quæ vestro in hac parte incum- A.D. 1461.
" bunt officio pastorali, dignemini gratiose; jure, dig-
" nitate, et consuetudinibus, monasterii mei antedicti,
" ab eadem ecclesia [1] debitis et consuetis, in omnibus
" semper salvis. Data in dicto monasterio, meo sub
" sigillo, mensis Decembris die vicesimo, anno Domini
" millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo primo."

Vicaria Sancti Petri.

Collation of Robert Chauntery to the Vicarage of St. Peter, at St. Alban's.

Mensis Decembris die vicesima, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo primo, data fuit collatio Vicariæ Sancti Petri, infra villam Sancti Albani, Domino Roberto Chauntery, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Magistri Ricardi Chapman, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione octo marcarum.

[2] *Astone.*

Collation to the Vicarage of Abbot's Astone.

Mensis Januarii die [3] , anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo primo, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de Astone Abbatis Domino [4] .

Manumissio.

Manumission of Henry Burgesse, of Hextone.

Mensis Aprilis die nona, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo primo, concessa erat manumissio Henrico Burgesse, filio seniori Willelmi Burgesse, de Hextone, nativo ejusdem dominii, et sigillata cum sigillo Abbatis et Conventus; secundum tenorem et formam cujusdam manumissionis scriptæ in [5] tertio folio ab isto computato, nominibus mutatis.[6]

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[1] *debita* in MS.

[2] Abbot's Aston, in Buckinghamshire.

[3] The date is omitted.

[4] The name is omitted, probably by accident.

[5] A preceding leaf is alluded to, which is now lost.

[6] 3*s.* 4*d.*—is faintly entered in the margin; the fine, probably, paid for manumission.

A.D. 1462. *Vicaria Sancti Petri in Chepe, infra civitatem Londoniarum.*

Collation to the Vicarage of St. Peter in Chepe, in London.

Mensis Aprilis die quinto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, data fuit collatio Sancti Petri in Chepe, infra civitatem Londoniarum, Domino [1] Capellano, per .

Kymbelle Parva.

Presentation of Master John Penne to the Rectory of Kymbelle Parva.

Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, præsentatus erat Episcopo Lincolniensi Magister Johannes Penne, in Decretis Bacallarius, ad Rectoriam de [2] Kymbelle Parva, per liberam resignationem Magistri Reginaldi Thomas, ultimi Rectoris ibidem.

Cameltone.

Exchange of the Rectories of Astone and Cameltone.

Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo quarto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, facta fuit præsentatio Episcopo Lincolniensi, pro Magistro Willelmo Halle, ex causa permutationis factæ inter præfatum Magistrum Willelmum, Rectorem Ecclesiæ de Astone, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, et Dominum Willelmum Northwold, Rectorem Ecclesiæ de [3] Cameltone, in Comitatu Bedfordiæ; salva annua pensione quadraginta solidorum.

Camelton.

Gift of the Rectory of Cameltone to Master John Penne.

Mensis [4] Junii die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, data fuit Rectoria de Cameltone Magistro Johanni Penne, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Magistri [5] Reginaldi Thomas,

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[1] The name is omitted, and the sentence left unfinished.

[2] Now Kimble, in Buckinghamshire.

[3] Now Campton, in Bedfordshire,

[4] *Junini*, apparently, in MS.

[5] Not improbably, there is an error in this statement; see above.

per viam præsentationis factæ Episcopo Lincolniensi ; salva annua pensione quadraginta solidorum. A.D. 1462.

Saret.

Mensis Junii die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, data fuit Vicaria de [1] Saret Domino Johanni Skeltone, Capellano ; vacans notorie quia Jacobus Roche, Vicarius immediate ibidem, cum suo [2] nequam concilio, videlicet, Rogero Wittone, Armigero, et aliis extraneis ignotis, quemdam [3] Ricardum Glowcestre, parochianum suum, artificem [4] Hogheler, interfecerunt, murdraverunt, et ipsum occulte sepeliverunt in quodam campo dicti Rogeri Wittone, die Dominica, sexta-decima die Maii, anno Domini supradicto ; et dictus Jacobus Roche, Vicarius ibidem, causa supradicta, fugam cepit, *et cætera.*[5] Gift of the Vicarage of Saret to John Skeltone, the former Vicar, James Roche, having been guilty of murder.

Tyrfeld.

Mensis Junii die decimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, data fuit Vicaria de [6] Tyrfeld Domino Thomæ Lee, Capellano, vacans per mortem Domini Thomæ Uptone, ultimi Vicarii ibidem.—Præsentatus Domino Episcopo Lincolniensi. Gift of the Vicarage of Tyrfeld to Thomas Lee.

Rudge.

Mensis Julii die tertio, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de [7] Rudge Domino Jacobo Waleys, Ca- Collation of James Waleys to the Vicarage of Rudge ;

[1] Now Sarratt, in Hertfordshire.

[2] *nequi*, apparently, in MS.

[3] The word "*Johannem*," before this, is run through with a pen.

[4] This probably signifies the name of Richard's employer.

[5] A hand is drawn in the margin, calling attention to this entry.

[6] Now Therfield, in Hertfordshire; Newcome (*Hist. of St. Alban's*) takes it to mean Turville, in Buckinghamshire.

[7] Now Ridge, in Hertfordshire.

A.D. 1462. the late Vicar having been indicted for treason and felony.

pellano, ad instantiam Henrici Frowyk, Armigeri; quia Dominus Johannes Bernard, Vicarius immediate ibidem, indictatus est per parochianos de Hadley, in Comitatu Myddelsexiæ, de et super certis altis proditionibus et feloniis, *et cætera*; quare fugam cepit, et seipsum abhinc absentavit.

Hextone.

Collation of Henry Castelle to the Vicarage of Hextone.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo quarto, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de [1] Hextone Domino Henrico Castelle, per liberam resignationem Domini Johannis Palmer, immediate Vicarii ibidem.

Kymbelle Parva.

Presentation of John Fenne to the Rectory of Kymbelle Parva.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, Dominus Johannes Fenne, Capellanus, præsentatus fuit Episcopo Lincolniensi, ad inducendum in Rectoriam de Kymbelle Parva, per liberam resignationem vacantem [2] Magistri Johannis Penne; ex dono Domini Abbatis.

Forma resignandi aliquod beneficium, coram Notario.

Form of resignation of a benefice, before a Notary.

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, [3] authentica " persona, et testibus hic præsentibus, ego, Johannes " N., Vicarius Ecclesiæ Parochialis de R., Lincolniensis " [4] Diœcesis, et exemptæ jurisdictionis Monasterii Sancti " Albani, volens et affectans, certis et [5] legitimis causis " me ad hoc moventibus, a cura et regimine dictæ " Vicariæ meæ penitus exonerari, dictam Vicariam " meam de R., cum omnibus suis juribus, et pertinen-

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[1] Hexton, in Hertfordshire.
[2] *do* occurs before this word.
[3] *autentica* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *legittimis* in MS.

" tiis universis, in sacras ac venerabiles manus Reve- A.D. 1462.
" rendi in [1]Christo Patris et Domini, Domini J., divina
" miseratione, Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, pure,
" sponte, et absolute, resigno ; ab eademque, cum omni-
" bus suis juribus, et pertinentiis universis, recedo,
" supplicans eidem Paternitati, quatinus eandem resig-
" nationem meam admittere dignetur vestra Reve-
" rentia, intuitu caritatis. Testibus J. N., B. F., *et*
" *cæteris.*"

Commissio ad visitandum in Prioratibus pertinentibus Monasterio Sancti Albani.

Commission for Visitation of the Priory of Bynham. A.D. 1462.

" Johannes, divina miseratione, Abbas Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis
" [2] Diœcesis, Romanæ Ecclesiæ, nullo medio, pertinentis,
" prædilectis in [1] Christo filiis et confratribus nostris,
" Domino Thomæ Albone, Camerario, et Domino
" [3] Nicolao Bostone, [4] Eleemosynario, monasterii nostri
" prædicti, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ad
" visitandum Prioratum nostrum de Bynham, tam in
" capite quam in membris, ac etiam ad inquirendum
" de statu ipsius Prioratus, tam in spiritualibus quam
" in temporalibus, necnon ad corrigendum et regu-
" lariter puniendum subditorum nostrorum excessus ;
" ac etiam ad deponendum et absolvendum, citandum,
" suspendendum, et excommunicandum, ipsorum quos-
" cunque, in quocunque statu, gradu, seu dignitate,
" fuerint, si [5] casus requirat,—[6] quia nos, propter senec-
" tam et senium, ac corporis debilitatem, obstructionem-
" que visus, nequimus hujusmodi Visitationis officio
" personaliter interesse, vobis vices nostras commit-

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[1] *Cristo* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *Nicholao* in MS.
[4] *Elemosinario* in MS.
[5] *causus* in MS.
[6] Several words are erased here with a knife.

A.D. 1462. " timus, per præsentes, cum cujuslibet [1] coercionis
" canonicæ plenaria potestate. Priori et cæteris con-
" fratribus nostris, omnibus et singulis in nostro
" Prioratu degentibus, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ,
" tenore præsentium, firmiter injungentes, mandamus,
" quatinus vobis in omnibus et singulis, quæ ad hujus-
" modi Visitationis officium requiruntur, ac etiam ad
" subeundum correctionem excessuum, secundum dis-
" cretionem adeo vobis infusam, quæ per hujusmodi
" Visitationem reperiri contigerit, vobis obediant, et
" compareant cum effectu, sicuti nobis obedire tene-
" rentur, si in Prioratu prædicto Visitationem eandem
" per nos personaliter exequeremur. In cujus rei testi-
" monium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum apposuimus.
" Data apud Sanctum Albanum, duodecimo die No-
" vembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" sexagesimo secundo."

Pottesgrave.

Presentation of Patrick Naghtyne to the Rectory of Pottesgrave. A.D. 1463.

Mensis Februarii die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [2] secundo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Patricium Naghtyne, Capellanum, ad Rectoriam de [3] Pottesgrave; vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Webbe, immediate Rectoris ibidem.

Pottesgrave.

Presentation of William Cony to the Rectory of Pottesgrave.

Mensis Aprilis die octavo-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo [4] sexagesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Willelmum Cony, Capellanum, ad Rectoriam de Pot-

[1] *cohercionis* in MS.

[2] Correctly A.D. 1463. The civil, ecclesiastical, and legal year, ended on the 24th of March, down to the 1st of January 1752.

[3] Now Potsgrove, in Bedfordshire.

[4] *quadragesimo* (in Roman numerals) in MS., by inadvertence.

tesgrave, per liberam resignationem Domini Patricii Naghtyne, immediate Rectoris ibidem, vacantem. A.D. 1463.

Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio, datum fuit Thomæ Thorne, de Langley Abbatis, officium Bedelli ibidem, ad terminum vitæ suæ, per litteras patentes Communi Sigillo sigillatas. Appointment of Thomas Thorne as Bedel of Abbot's Langley.

Langley Abbatis.

Mensis Junii die sexto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de Langley Abbatis Domino Johanni Cawstone, Capellano, [1] vacantis per liberam resignationem Domini Johannis Pershore, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione *et cætera.* Collation of John Cawstone to the Vicarage of Abbot's Langley.

Codycote.

Mensis Julii die vicesimo primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio, data fuit Vicaria de Codicote Domino Patricio Naghtyne, Capellano, per Moniales de Sopwelle, patronos ejusdem Vicariæ; et institutus per Dominum Abbatem. Gift of the Vicarage of Codicote to Patrick Naghtyne, by the Nuns of Sopwelle.

Radwelle.

Mensis Augusti die [2] , anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio, data fuit Rectoria de [3] Radwelle Domino Thomæ Arplet, Capellano. Gift of the Rectory of Radwelle to Thomas Arplet.

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[1] *vacant* in MS.

[2] The date is omitted.

[3] In Hertfordshire, near Baldock.

A.D. 1463.

Codycote.

Collation of William Tyler to the Vicarage of Codycote.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de Codycote Domino Willelmo Tyler, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Patricii Naghtyne, ultimi Vicarii ibidem.

Pottesgrave.

Presentation of Thomas Baker to the Rectory of Pottesgrave.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Thomam Baker, Capellanum, ad Rectoriam de Pottesgrave, vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Willelmi Tyler, alias dicti "Cony," ultimi Rectoris ibidem.

Certificatorium pro Priore de Bynham.

Certificate to the King, signifying the apostasy of William Dyggeswelle, Prior of Bynham, and asking for means to ensure his arrest. A.D. 1464.

"Excellentissimo Principi et Domino suo, Domino "Edwardo, Dei gratia, Regi Angliæ et Franciæ illustri, "et Domino Hiberniæ, suus humilis et devotus Capel- "lanus, Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas exempti "Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, "ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, sa- "lutem in Eo per Quem reges regnant, et principes "dominantur. Vestræ Excellentiæ Serenitati, tenore "præsentium, intimamus, quod Frater Willelmus "[1] Dyggeswelle, noster commonachus, ut alter filius "perditionis, more apostatæ, circuit, et de loco in lo- "cum, de villa in villam, et de mercato in mercatum, "potius [2] vagabundo similis, et apostatæ, quam mo- "nacho regulari, perque circuitum suum, maximum "generans tam Ordini scandalum, quam religioni. Cum

[1] Called "*Dyxwelle*" at a later date.

[2] *vacabundo* in MS.

" igitur tantam audaciam reprimere nequimus, auxi- A.D. 1454.
" lium vestræ Majestatis duximus invocandum, qua-
" tinus, ex solita vestra clementia, universis vestris
" fidelibus pro captione dicti Willelmi scribere digne-
" tur vestra Regia Celsitudo; ut captus regulari sub-
" jaceat disciplinæ, et tantus morbus suscipiat medici-
" nam. In prosperitate votiva Excellentiam vestram
" conservet Altissimus, per tempora feliciter successiva.
" In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nos-
" trum apponi fecimus. Data in monasterio prædicto,
" septimo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo
" quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio."

Langley Abbatis.

Collation of Thomas Daw to the Vicarage of Abbot's Langley.

Mensis Februarii die decimo-octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de Langley Abbatis Domino Thomæ Daw, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Johannis Cawsten, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione *et cætera.*

Littera Attornatoria.

Form of a Letter of Attorney.

" Noverint universi per præsentes, me, R. D., Armi-
" gerum, fecisse, ordinasse, constituisse, et loco meo
" posuisse, dilectum [1] mihi in [2] Christo W. H., meum
" verum et [3] legitimum attornatum, generalem et spe-
" cialem, ad petendum, levandum, recipiendum, et re-
" cuperandum, vice et nomine meo, de quibuscunque
" debitoribus, firmariis, ballivis, et receptoribus, et te-
" nentibus meis quibuscunque, omnia et singula debita
" et denarios [1] mihi per quemcunque, sive quoscunque,
" debita, aut pertinentia quovismodo; dantem et con-
" cedentem eidem attornato meo plenam potestatem
" meam, et mandatum speciale, versus omnes et sin-

[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] *legittimum* in MS.

A.D. 1464. " gulos, versus quos vel quem actio personalis [1] mihi
" dat sectam, per legem prosequendi et defendendi; ac
" quoscunque debitores meos, ac transgressores, ares-
" tandi et implicitandi, et in omnibus Curiis et
" Placitis, coram quibuscunque judicibus, sive justi-
" ciariis, prosequendi et recuperandi, ac de receptis et
" recuperatis acquietancias faciendi; ac omnia alia et
" singula, quæ [1] mihi in hac parte erunt necessaria,
" sive [2] opportuna, agendi, exercendi, et perimplendi;
" ratum et gratum habentes, et habituri, quicquid
" dictus attornatus meus, vice, seu nomine, meo fecerit,
" seu fieri procuraverit, in præmissis, seu aliquo præ-
" missorum, adeo præcise, plene, et integre, prout ego
" ipse facerem, si personaliter interessem. In cujus
" rei testimonium, huic præsenti scripto meo sigillum
" meum apposui. Data vicesimo die mensis Junii,
" anno *et cætera.*"

Perpetuitas concessa Magistro Sancti Juliani.

Appointment of Master John Walter as Master, or Warden, of the Hospital of St. Julian, for life.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scrip-
" tum pervenerit, Johannes, divina miseratione, Abbas
" exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci
" Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis
" nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum, unanimi as-
" sensu et voluntate ordinasse, ac Magistrum, sive
" Custodem, Hospitalis Sancti Juliani, juxta Sanctum
" Albanum, nostrorum jurisdictionis et patronatus,
" præfecisse et constituisse, quantum de jure possumus,
" dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Johannem Wal-
" ter, in Decretis Licentiatum, durante vita prædicti
" Johannis, ob specialem amorem quem penes præfatum
" Magistrum Johannem gerimus, pro suis benevolentia
" et laboribus habitis et factis in diversis causis et
" materiis nos et dictum nostrum monasterium tan-

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[1] *michi* in MS. | [2] *oportuna* in MS.

" gentibus ; dantes et concedentes eidem Magistro Jo- A.D. 1464.
" hanni Walter, et suo sufficienti deputato, plenam,
" tenore præsentium, potestatem, durante vita sua,
" bona, redditus, decimas, proficua, et emolumenta
" quæcunque, dicto hospitali incumbentia, recipiendi,
" gubernandi, ac ad usum et honorem dicti hospitalis
" disponendi, absque aliquo compoto, durante vita sua,
" nobis et successoribus nostris inde fiendo. Salvis
" semper nobis, et successoribus nostris, jure, dignitate,
" redditibus, et consuetudinibus, dicti hospitalis, nobis
" et dicto nostro monasterio ab antiquo debitis ; nec-
" non annua firma decem marcarum Priori monasterii
" prædicti, pro tempore existenti, pro firma Rectoriæ,
" sive Capellæ, Sancti Juliani, annuatim debita. In
" cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum, prædicti
" Abbatis, una cum Sigillo nostro [1]Communi, prædic-
" torum Abbatis et Conventus, præsentibus est appen-
" sum. Data in Domo Capitulari monasterii nostri
" prædicti, nono die mensis Januarii, anno Domini
" millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo tertio."

Chacea de Horwode.—Litteræ Patentes concessæ Thomæ Rothewelle.

" Universis et singulis ad quorum notitiam præsen- Grant of venison to Thomas Rothewelle, from the Chase of Horwode, he making a certain return for the same. A.D. 1440.
" tes litteræ pervenerint, Johannes, divina miseratione,
" Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis
" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Dicœcesis, et ejusdem
" loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam.
" Noverit universitas vestra, quod, cum nos et præ-
" decessores nostri, Abbates Monasterii de Sancto
" Albano prædicti, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria
" non existit, semper in pacifica possessione fuerimus,
" et nos omni anno, de jure monasterii nostri, recipia-

[1] *Comuni* in MS. | [2] *Diocesis* in MS.

A.D. 1440. " mus, et habeamus, sex feras, quæ " damæ " dicuntur,
" de Chacia de Horwode, juxta manerium nostrum de
" Wynslow, in Comitatu Bukenhamiæ, per dominos
" ejusdem chaciæ, vel eorum forestarios, nobis, vel
" nostris deputatis, seu servientibus, liberandas ; vide-
" licet, ad Festum Sanctæ Crucis in fine autumni
" tres damas [1] masculos, et in hieme, ad Festum Puri-
" ficationis Beatæ Mariæ, tres alias damas, femellas :—
" nos totum hujusmodi jus nostrum, quantum ad re-
" ceptionem ferarum prædictarum, omni tenore et
" auctoritate præsentium, pro nobis et successoribus
" nostris, assignamus, damus, et conferimus, dilecto et
" speciali amico nostro, Thomæ Rothewelle, ad termi-
" num vitæ suæ tantum ; ita quod ipse, præfatus
" Thomas, pro termino vitæ suæ, vice et nomine nos-
" tris, auctoritate præsentium, plenariam habeat potes-
" tatem recipiendi et habendi, in terminis superius
" limitatis, prædictas feras, tam masculos quam fe-
" mellas, ex liberatione dominorum chaciæ supradictæ,
" vel [2] forestariorum suorum, qui pro tempore fuerint.
" Sub tali tamen conditione, quod idem, præfatus
" Thomas Rothewelle, omni anno, durante vita sua,
" nobis et nostris successoribus [1] duos damas masculos
" et duas damas femellas ad Festa supradicta fideliter
" reddet et liberabit. In cujus rei testimonium, sigilla
" nostra præsentibus sunt appensa. Data in dicto
" nostro monasterio, in Domo nostra Capitulari, duo-
" decimo die mensis Julii, anno regni Regis Henrici
" Sexti decimo octavo."

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[1] Sic in MS., in the masculine.

[2] A hand, grasping an arrow, is rather artistically drawn in the margin of what is now fol. 6a, but having also an older numeration ; 24 being its number in the original volume.

[3] This entry properly belongs to the first Abbacy of John Whethamstede.

Stanemer :—Concessio de Magna Stanemere, facta Domino Cancellario Angliæ, super proxima vacatione ejusdem.

A.D. 1464. Grant to George Nevyle, Bishop of Exeter, and Lord Chancellor, of the next presentation to the Rectory of Stanmer Magna.

" Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, omnibus ad quos præsens " scriptum pervenerit, salutem in Eo de Cujus latere " [2] salus universæ saliit creaturæ. Sciatis me, præfatum " Abbatem, dedisse, et per præsens scriptum con- " cessisse, pro me et successoribus meis, venerabili in " [3] Christo Patri et Domino, Domino Georgio Nevyle, " Exoniæ Episcopo, Cancellario Angliæ, et assignatis " suis, nominationem cujuscunque personæ [4] idoneæ ad " Rectoriam de [5] Stanmer Magna, Londoniensis [1] Diœ- " cesis, cum jam primo eam, quacunque de causa, " vacare contigerit, unica vice tantum, per me confe- " rendam: ita quod bene liceat præfato venerabili " patri, et assignatis suis, quamcunque personam [6] ido- " neam ad dictam rectoriam, cum jam primo vacare " contigerit, [7] mihi, vel successoribus meis, nominare: " et quod ego tenear, et successores mei teneantur, " personam hujusmodi sic nominatam, et nullam aliam, " ad dictam rectoriam, ad nutum dicti venerabilis " patris, et assignatorum suorum, unica vice tantum, " admittere. Ita quod postquam prædictus venerabilis " pater, et assignati sui, unica vice tantum, ut præ- " dicitur, aliquam personam [8] idoneam ad eandem no- " minaverit, et persona sic nominata ad eam presentata " fuerit, et admissa, extunc jus patronatus et præsen- " tationis rectoriæ prædictæ ad me, et successores

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.

[2] A play is probably intended upon the words "*salus*" and "*saliit.*"

[3] *Cristo* in MS.

[4] *ydoneæ* in MS.

[5] Now, Great Stanmore, in Middlesex.

[6] *ydoneam* in MS.

[7] *michi* in MS.

[8] *ydoniam* in MS.

A.D. 1464. " meos, revertatur. In cujus rei testimonium, præsenti-
" bus Sigillum meum ad Causas apposui, sexto die
" mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringen-
" tesimo sexagesimo quarto."

Myltone Harnes.

Presentation of Richard Johnsonne to the Vicarage of Myltone Herneis. A.D. 1462.

Mensis Martii die [1] , anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo, facta fuit præsentatio Episcopo Lincolniensi pro Domino Ricardo Johnsonne ad Vicariam de [2] Myltone Herneis, vacantem per mortem Domini [3] , ultimi Vicarii ibidem.

[4] *Myddeltone Harnes.*

Presentation of William Gatis to the same Vicarage. A.D. 1464.

Mensis Maii [5] die undecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quarto, præsentatus fuit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominus Willelmus Gatis ad Vicariam de [6] Myddeltone Harnes, per mortem Domini Ricardi Johnson, ultimi Vicarii ibidem.

Commissio pro Hæreticis examinandis.

Commission for the due examination of persons charged with heresy.

" Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
" Lincolniensis [7] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam,
" nullo medio, pertinentis, dilectis fratribus, Magistro
" Willelmo Albone, Decretorum Doctori, dicti monas-
" terii Priori, Fratri Willelmo Walyngford, ejusdem
" loci Archidiacono, nostris confratribus et commona-
" chis, ac venerabili viro, Magistro Johanni Werdale,

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[1] The date is omitted.
[2] Now Milton Ernest, in Bedfordshire.
[3] The name is omitted.
[4] At the head of this folio (a) is the old numeration, 25.
[5] *de* in MS.
[6] A different form of the name of the locality last mentioned.
[7] *Diocesis* in MS.

" Legum Doctori, salutem in Domino Jhesu, omnium A.D. 1464.
" Salvatore. Ad inquirendum et procedendum, ubilibet
" infra nostram jurisdictionem, in quibuscunque causis
" et negotiis hæreticæ pravitatis et erroris, seu hære-
" sim sive errorem qualitercunque tangentibus seu
" concernentibus, hujusmodique causas sive negotia,
" cum omnibus et singulis suis emergentibus, inciden-
" tiis, dependentiis, et connexis, audiendum, et fine
" debito terminandum; ac quasvis personas in ea parte
" diffamatas, seu suspectas, capiendum, et capi man-
" dandum, ac in vinculis ac salva custodia tenendum,
" et teneri faciendum, reasque quascunque canonice
" puniendum et corrigendum, abjurationesque hæresium
" et errorum ab illis reis capiendum, necnon personas
" illas abjurationes hujusmodi facere, si res exegerit,
" canonice cogendum; cæteraque omnia et singula in
" præmissis necessaria, requisita, seu [1] opportuna, agen-
" dum, exercendum, et expediendum; vobis, conjunc-
" tim et divisim, per præsentes, quamdiu nobis placue-
" rit duraturas, committimus vices nostras, et plenam
" in Domino potestatem, cum cujuslibet [2] coercionis
" canonicæ, exequendique quæ in hac parte decreveri-
" tis, facultate. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum
" nostrum præsentibus apposuimus. Data apud [3] Maka-
" riend, in domo solitæ residentiæ nostræ, duodecimo
" die mensis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo quad-
" ringentesimo sexagesimo quarto."

Brantfelde.

Mensis Octobris die [4] , anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quarto, præsentatus fuit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominus Thomas Bower, Capellanus, ad Rectoriam de [5] Brantfeld, vacantem per

Presentation of Thomas Bower to the Rectory of Brantfeld.

[1] *oportuna* in MS.
[2] *cohercionis* in MS.
[3] Probably, for "*Makary End.*"
[4] The date is omitted.
[5] Now Braintfield, in Hertfordshire.

A.D. 1464. [1] resignationem Domini H. Conygrave, ultimi Rectoris ibidem, ex dono Domini Abbatis: salva pensione [2] trium solidorum.

Acquietancia concessa Willelmo Atte Welle, nuper firmario de Rykmersworthe, super collectione et solutione diversorum reddituum ibidem.

Acquittance given by the Abbot and Convent to William At Welle, farmer of Rykmersworth.

"Noverint universi per præsentes, nos, Johannem, " permissione divina, Abbatem exempti Monasterii " Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventum, recepisse " et habuisse, die confectionis præsentium, de Willelmo " At Welle, firmario de Rykmersworth, viginti et sex " libras et sexdecim solidos, in plenam solutionem " omnium arreragiorum, nobis debitorum, tam pro col- " lectione redditus assisæ in Rikmersworthe prædicta, " quam redditus firmæ supradictæ, et firmæ molendini " ibidem. De quibus quidem viginti et sex libris et " sexdecim solidis, fatemur nos fore solutos, dictumque " Willelmum, hæredes, executores, et assignatos suos, " inde acquietavimus per præsentes. In cujus rei testi- " monium, præsentibus Sigillum nostrum ad Causas " fecimus apponi, quinto-decimo die mensis Octobris, " anno regni Regis Edwardi, Quarti post Conquæs- " tum, quarto,—millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo " quarto."[3]

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[1] "*mortem*" is inserted before this word; but is struck out with a pen.

[2] These last two words are almost entirely blotted out, apparently, by design.

[3] At this point, fol. 7 b of the present numeration, the Register of Abbot Whethamstede ends.

[1] REGISTRUM WILLELMI ALBON, ABBATIS MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, DE FACTIS ET ACTIS TEMPORE SUO.—ET PRIMO, DE MODO ET FORMA SUÆ ELECTIONIS, POST MORTEM VENERABILIS PATRIS, MAGISTRI JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, SACRÆ THEOLOGIÆ PROFESSORIS, IN ANNO DOMINI SUBSCRIPTO.

Littera Certificatoria, missa Domino Regi, de morte prædicti Abbatis, et de licentia habenda ad eligendum alium Abbatem. A.D. 1465.

Letter Certificatory, directed by the Prior and Convent of St. Alban's to the King, announcing the death and burial of Abbot John Whethamstede.

" Metuendissimo ac excellentissimo Principi, Domino
" Edwardo, Dei gratia, illustri Regi Angliæ et Franciæ,
" ac Domino Hiberniæ, devoti vestri, Willelmus, Prior,
" et Conventus, vestri Monasterii Sancti Albani, omni-
" modam reverentiam ac subjectionem, magnifico cum
" honore. Excellentiæ vestræ, Serenissime Princeps, præ-
" sentibus litteris intimamus, quod, recolendæ memoriæ,
" Magister Johannes Whethamsted, Sacræ Theologiæ
" Professor, nuper Abbas noster, vicesimo die mensis
" instantis, viam universæ carnis est ingressus; et
" corpus ejus, prout decuit, traditum sepulturæ. Ne
" autem ecclesia vestra, quæ de nobilium vestrorum
" progenitorum fundatione, et vestro patronatu, existit,
" diutius remaneat pastoris servitio destituta, ad [2] Majes-
" tatem vestram regiam dirigimus dilectos confratres et
" commonachos nostros, Dominum Robertum Croftone,
" Bursarium, et Dominum Thomam Albon, Camerarium,
" dicti vestri monasterii, latores præsentium, vestræ
" [3] Celsitudini Regiæ supplicantes, quatinus licentiam
" eligendi nobis Abbatem liberaliter concedatis. Data

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[1] Fol. 8 of the MS., in its present state; but folio 26 in its original condition.

[2] *Magestatem* in MS.

[3] *Celcitudini* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " in Domo nostro Capitulari, sub Sigillo nostro [1] Com-
" muni, vicesimo quinto die Januarii, anno Domini
" millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [2] quarto."

Litteræ missæ [3] Prioribus subscriptis, ad interessendum dictæ electioni; videlicet, Priori de Tynemutha, Belvero, Walyngforde, Bynham, Hatfeld Peverelle, Hertforde, et Redborne.

Letters directed to the Priors of the Cells of St. Alban's, requesting their attendance at the election of a new Abbot.

"Willelmus, Prior Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci
" Conventus, dilecto sibi confratri in [4] Christo, Johanni,
" Priori de Tynemutha, salutem in Domino sempiternam.
" Cum nuper, recolendæ memoriæ, Johanne, Abbate
" nostro, vicesimo die Januarii ultimo præterito, [5] viæ
" universæ carnis ingresso, ac ipsius corpore, prout
" decuit, tradito sepulturæ, vicesimum quintum diem
" mensis Februarii, immediate sequentem post datam
" præsentium, præfixerimus, quo ad electionem futuri
" Abbatis, in Capitulo nostro, annuente Domino, pro-
" cedatur: vos citamus peremptorie, firmiter injungentes,
" quatinus dicto die in Capitulo prædicto, pro electione
" fienda, una nobiscum, personaliter intersitis. Si autem,
" quod absit, canonice fueritis impediti, quo [6] commode
" interesse non poteritis, litteras vestras patentes nobis
" super hoc dirigatis, vices vestras alicui, si placet, de
" nostris monachis committentes; alioquin nos, dictis
" die et loco, ad electionem faciendam, non expectata
" vestra præsentia, procedemus. Data in Monasterio
" nostro de Sancto Albano, sub Sigillo nostro [7] Communi,
" tricesimo die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quad-
" ringentesimo sexagesimo quarto."

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[1] *Comune* in MS.
[2] A.D. 1465, according to the present mode of reckoning.
[3] *Priobus* in MS.
[4] *Cristo* in MS.
[5] Sic in MS.
[6] A word is erased here.
[7] *Comuni* in MS.

Forma Electionis.

A.D. 1465. Election of William Albon, the Prior, as Abbot of St. Alban's.

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum in-
" strumentum [1] cunctis appareat evidenter, quod anno
" Domini, secundum cursum et [2] computationem Eccle-
" siæ Anglicanæ, millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo
" [3] quarto, Indictione tertia-decima, Pontificatus Sanc-
" tissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini
" Pauli, Divina Providentia, Papæ, Secundi, anno
" primo, mensis vero Januarii die ultimo, in Domo
" Capitulari Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti
" Benedicti, Lincolniensis [4] Dicœcesis, Sedi Apostolicæ
" immediate subjecti, meique, Willelmi Pope, Notarii
" [5] Publici subscripti, necnon discretorum virorum,
" Dominorum Benedicti Ederiche et Willelmi Kynge,
" [6] presbyterorum, Norwicensis, ac Coventrensis et Lyche-
" feldensis, [4] Dicœcesis, testium ad hoc specialiter voca-
" torum, præsentia, constituti personaliter, venerabiles
" et religiosi viri, Fratres, Willelmus Albone, Decre-
" torum Doctor, tunc Prior et Præsidens Capituli dicti
" monasterii, Thomas Luton, Supprior et Præcentor
" ejusdem, [7] Nicolaus Lychefeld, Tertius Prior, Robertus
" Ownesby, gistarius, Johannes Willy, Sacrista, Ricar-
" dus Russelle, gistarius, Johannes Myddelton, Sub-
" Infirmarius, Robertus Croftone, Bursarius, Ricardus
" Waltham, Coquinarius, Willelmus Blakeney, Magister
" [8] Novæ Ordinationis, Johannes Eytone, Custos Mo-
" nialium de Sopwelle, Thomas Blaknalle, Sub-Refec-
" torarius, Thomas Albone, Camerarius, Thomas Waling-
" ford, Sub-Eleemosynarius, Willelmus Walingford,
" Archidiaconus, Thomas Waldey, Willelmus Shroys-
" bury, Sub-Sacrista, Ricardus Lamplew, Willelmus
" Hardewyk, in Theologia Bacallarius, Willelmus New-

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[1] *cuntis* in MS.

[2] See page 14 *ante*, Note 2.

[3] A.D. 1465, according to the present mode of reckoning.

[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

[5] *Puplici* in MS.

[6] *presbiterorum* in MS.

[7] *Nicholaus* in MS.

[8] See Amundesham, Vol. I., pp. 279 *et seq.*

A.D. 1465. " enham, Custos Feretri, Thomas Newlond, Hostilarius,
" Willelmus Lychefelde, Thomas Roos, Primus Scrutator,
" Galfridus Wyntur, Custos Specierum, Rogerus Torpur-
" ley, Custos Capellæ Mariæ Beatæ Virginis, Johannes
" Torpurley, Secundus Scrutator, Willelmus Dixwelle,
" Willelmus Howden, Johannes Roothbury, Tertius
" Scrutator, Johannes Ponsbury, Subcantor, Johannes
" Pavor, Magister Novitiorum, Stephanus London, [1] Ni-
" colaus Bostone, [2] Eleemosynarius, [1] Nicolaus Kyrkeby,
" Johannes Hertforde, Ricardus Kympton, Capellanus
" Prioris, Henricus Goule, Henricus Martyne, Antonius
" Zouche, Thomas Ramrugge, Johannes Stanbrug, Ra-
" dulphus Roos, Willelmus Whelpley, Willelmus Wol-
" man, Johannes Wolmanne, et Ricardus Harman,
" confratres et commonachi dicti monasterii, Capitula-
" riter congregati, ac Capitulum, sive Conventum, fa-
" cientes, asseruerunt quod Monasterium ad tunc erat
" Abbatis solatio destitutum, per obitum, bonæ memo-
" riæ, Johannis Whethamsted, qui vicesimo die mensis
" Januarii suum diem clausit extremum. Dixerunt
" insuper, quod Serenissimus Princeps, Dominus Ed-
" wardus Quartus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ,
" et Dominus Hiberniæ, præfati monasterii Fundator
" et Patronus, eis, ad eligendum futurum ipsius mo-
" nasterii Abbatem, licentiam, per suas Litteras Patentes,
" concessit specialem. Et consequenter, post hujusmodi
" assertionem, memoratus Prior et sui commonachi, ut
" præfertur, Capitulariter congregati, ac Capitulum, sive
" Conventum, facientes, vicesimum quintum diem men-
" sis Februarii, extunc proxime sequentem, cum con-
" tinuatione dierum, si oporteret, tunc sequentium, ac
" præfatam Domum Capitularem, ad eligendum fu-
" turum dicti monasterii Abbatem, tam sibi ipsis, tunc
" ibidem præsentibus, quam etiam omnibus aliis tunc
" absentibus, qui in hujusmodi electionis negotio vel-

[1] *Nicholaus* in MS. | [2] *Elemosinarius* in MS.

" lent, possent, et deberent, [1] commode interesse, præ- A.D. 1465.
" fixerunt, statuerunt, et limitaverunt ; voluerunt que,
" et [2] consenserunt, ut asseruerunt, tunc ibidem, quod
" ad diem et locum sic præfixos, statutos, et limitatos,
" omnes commonachi et confratres, si qui absentes
" forent, et interesse in ea parte haberent, specialiter
" vocarentur, debiteque præmunirentur ad [3] comparen-
" dum et procedendum in hujusmodi electionis negotio,
" usque ad finalem expeditionem ejusdem, juxta juris
" exigentiam, atque negotii hujusmodi qualitatem.

" Quo quidem vicesimo quinto die mensis Februarii,
" anno Domini, Indictione, et Pontificatu, prædictis, ad-
" veniente, in mei, Willelmi Pope, Notarii præscripti,
" ac discretorum virorum Bartholomæi Halley et Petri
" Halley, litteratorum dictæ Coventrensis et Lichefel-
" densis, ac Lincolniensis, [4] Diœcesis, testium ad hoc
" vocatorum et rogatorum, præsentia, Missa de Sancto
" Spiritu ad summum altare Ecclesiæ Conventualis
" monasterii prædicti, coram confratribus et commona-
" chis ejusdem, [5] solemniter extitit celebrata. Qua finita,
" campana, ad Capitulum congregandum, prout moris
" fuerat, pulsabatur.

" Deindeque, eodem die vicesimo quinto, in præfata
" Domo Capitulari, in mei, dicti Willelmi Pope, ac mei,
" Walteri Bedlow, Publicorum Notariorum subscripto-
" rum, necnon discretorum virorum, dicti Domini Bene-
" dicti, et Magistri Willelmi Dabeney, clerici, memorati
" Norwicensis, ac Coventrensis et Lichefeldensis, [4] Diœ-
" cesis, testium ad infra scripta vocatorum et rogato-
" rum, præsentia, præfatus Willelmus Albone, Prior,
" Præsidens antedictus, ac singuli alii commonachi,
" superius recitati, videlicet, Fratres, Thomas Lutone,
" [6] Nicolaus Lychefeld, Robertus Owneby, Johannes

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[1] *comode* in MS.
[2] *consentierunt* in MS.
[3] *comperendum* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *solempniter* in MS.
[6] *Nicholaus* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " Wylly, Ricardus Russell, Johannes Myddeltone, Ro-
" bertus Croftone, Ricardus Waltham, Willelmus Blake-
" ney, Johannes Eytone, Thomas Blakenalle, Thomas
" Albone, Thomas Walyngforde, Willelmus Walingforde,
" Thomas Walden, Willelmus Shroysbury, Ricardus
" Lamplew, Willelmus Hardewike, Willelmus Newen-
" ham, Thomas Newlonde, Willelmus Lychefelde, Tho-
" mas Roos, Galfridus Wyntre, Rogerus Torpurley,
" Johannes Torpurleye, Willelmus Dyxwelle, Willelmus
" Harden, Johannes Roothebury, Johannes Ponsbury,
" Johannes Pavor, Stephanus Londone, [1] Nicolaus Bos-
" tone, [1] Nicolaus Kyrkby, Johannes Hertford, Ricardus
" Kymptone, Henricus Goule, Henricus Martyne, An-
" tonius Souche, Thomas Ramrugge, Johannes Stan-
" brigge, Radulphus Roos, Willelmus Whelpeley, Wil-
" lelmus Wolman, Johannes Wolman, et Ricardus
" Harman, necnon Fratres, Johannes Peytone, Decre-
" torum Doctor, Prior Cellæ de Bynham, Thomas West-
" wode, Prior Cellæ de Redborn, Johannes Wellis, Prior
" Cellæ de Hertford, Johannes Langtone, Prior Cellæ
" de Tynemutha, Johannes Thorntone, Prior Cellæ de
" Hatfelde, Thomas Wyltone, Prior Cellæ de Walyng-
" ford, et Johannes Hatfeld, Prior Cellæ de Belvero,
" Capitulariter congregati fuerunt, ac Capitulum fece-
" runt. Et tunc consequenter, prænominatus Frater
" Willelmus Hardewyk, coram aliis confratribus suis,
" monachis supradictis, [2] solemnem in Latinis fecit Ser-
" monem, cujus thema fuerat,—[3] 'Eligite virum'; [4] quo
" quidem Sermone finito, decantatus erat tunc ibidem
" [5] Hymnus—'Veni Creator, Spiritus,' cum Versiculo, et
" Collecta sequente de Sancto Spiritu.

" Quibus peractis, præfati Prior Præsidens et cæteri
" monachi, omnes et singuli, ut præasseritur, Capitu-

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[1] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[2] *solempnem* in MS.
[3] I. *Samuel* xvii. 8.
[4] *qua* in MS.
[5] *Ympnus* in MS.

" lariter congregati, egregios viros, Magistros, Jacobum A.D. 1465.
" Goldwelle, Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Sarisburiæ Decanum,
" et Johannem Werdale, Londoniarum et Lincolniæ
" Canonicum, Legum Doctores, tunc ibidem præsentes,
" dictæ electionis negotii directores unanimiter nomi-
" naverunt et deputaverunt. Et asseruerunt idem Prior
" Præsidens et cæteri monachi sæpedicti, sic congre-
" gati, quod non erant plures habentes jus et voces in
" hujusmodi electione quam fuerunt tunc ibidem, Ca-
" pitulariter, ut præmittitur, congregati; salvo quod in
" Infirmaria dicti monasterii fuit quidam Johannes
" Donmowe, dicti monasterii monachus, mente aliena-
" tus: ad quem ipsi, taliter congregati, prænominatos
" Jacobum et Johannem Werdale miserunt, ut veraciter
" cognosceretur quod ipse Frater Johannes sanæ men-
" tis non existebat. Qui, sic missi, eundem Fratrem
" Johannem Donmow in Capella dictæ Infirmariæ se-
" dentem invenientes, in nostrum, Willelmi Pope et Wal-
" teri Bedlow, Notariorum, necnon Domini Benedicti
" et Magistri Willelmi Dabeneye, testium prædictorum,
" præsentia, diligenter examinaverunt, ac quasdam in-
" terrogationes sibi fecerunt; quem, per ipsius responsa
" atque gesta, manifeste liquebat mente captum exti-
" tisse. Et deinde iidem Magistri Jacobus et Johan-
" nes Werdale, redeuntes ad dictam Domum Capitu-
" larem, in nostrum, Willelmi et Walteri, Notariorum,
" testiumque superius proxime nominatorum, præsentia,
" dictos Priorem et monachos, in eodem domo Capitu-
" lariter expectantes, certificarunt, quod prænominatus
" Frater Johannes fuit, ut prædicitur, mente alienatus,
" ac ad eligendum cum confratribus suis rationem aut
" discretionem non habuit. Et consequenter, de man-
" dato dictorum Prioris et Conventus, præconizationi-
" bus in claustro et ad [1] ostium dictæ Domus Capi-
" tularis, ut quicunque prætenderent se habere aliquid

[1] *hostium* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " interesse in hujusmodi electionis negotio, tunc veni-
" rent, et, prout jura [1] vellent, admitterentur, publice
" factis, dictus Prior Præsidens et cæteri commonachi,
" ut prænotatur, in præfata Domo [2] Capitulari congre-
" gati, dictum Fratrem Johannem Dunmowe mente, ut
" præfertur, alienatum fuisse, et esse, ac discretione et
" ratione carentem, et propterea, ad eligendum cum eis
" inhabilem, reputarunt.

" Et tunc præfatus Frater Willelmus Albone, Prior
" et Præsidens prædictus, vice sua, ac vice et nomine
" omnium et singulorum fratrum et monachorum præ-
" dictorum, tunc ibidem, ut prædicitur, Capitulum, sive
" Conventum, facientium, ac de mandato eorundem,
" eidem Præsidenti ad tunc expresse facto, decrevit
" ulterius fore procedendum in negotio electionis præ-
" dicto usque ad finalem expeditionem ejusdem, dicti
" Fratris Johannis a Domo Capitulari sæpe dicta, ac
" aliorum, ut præfertur, præconizatorum, et non com-
" parentium, si qui tales fuerant, absentiis in aliquo
" non obstantibus; quasdamque monitionem et protes-
" tationem, in scriptis redactas, fecit, legit, et interpo-
" suit, sub eo, qui sequitur, tenore verborum.—

" ' In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego, Willelmus Albone,
" ' Decretorum Doctor, Prior hujus Monasterii, sive
" ' Ecclesiæ Conventualis Monasterii Sancti Albani, Or-
" ' dinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [3] Dicœcesis, Sedi
" ' Apostolicæ immediate subjecti, Præsidens istius Ca-
" ' pituli, vice mea, ac nomine omnium confratrum
" ' meorum, hic Capitulariter congregatorum, atque
" ' Capitulum, sive Conventum, facientium, moneo om-
" ' nes et singulos excommunicatos, suspensos, ac etiam
" ' interdictos, ac quoscunque alios, si qui forsan hic
" ' sint, qui de jure, seu consuetudine, aut alia quavis
" ' ratione, in instante electionis negotio de futuro Ab-

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[1] Somewhat indistinct in MS.
[2] *Caplari* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

" ' bate istius monasterii, Dei præsidio, celebrante, in- A.D. 1465.
" ' teresse non debeant, quod a Domo ista Capitulari,
" ' et hoc nostro Capitulo, recedant, meque, et alios
" ' confratres meos, jus et voces in electione hujusmodi
" ' habentes, libere eligere permittentes ; protestans om-
" ' nibus via, modo, et forma, melioribus, quibus utilius
" ' et efficacius potero, nomine meo, ac vice omnium
" ' et singulorum confratrum meorum prædictorum, hic
" ' comparentium, ac jus et voces in isto electionis
" ' negotio habentium, quod non est mea vel eorum
" ' intentio, sive voluntas, tales admittere tanquam jus
" ' seu voces in hujusmodi electione habentes, aut pro-
" ' cedere vel eligere cum eisdem ; [1] immo, volo, et vult
" ' quilibet nostrum, quod voces talium, si quæ post-
" ' modum [2] reperiantur, quod absit, intervenisse, nulli
" ' præstent suffragium, nec afferant alicui nocumentum,
" ' [3] sed prorsus pro non receptis et non habitis, nul-
" ' lisque omnino, et invalidis, penitus habeantur.'

" Quibus quidem monitione et protestatione sic fac-
" tis, lectis, et interpositis, nonnulli qui erant in dicta
" Domo Capitulari, jus aut voces in præfata elec-
" tione non habentes, ab eadem Domo Capitulari illico
" discesserunt, præfato Priore Præsidente, ac cæteris
" monachis supradictis, sicut præmittitur, in eadem
" Capitulariter congregatis, ac directoribus præscrip-
" tis, nobisque, Notariis et testibus proxime [4] ante
" latis, in dicta domo solummodo remanentibus. Co-
" ram quibus consequenter lectæ fuerunt publice Lit-
" teræ Regiæ Patentes, licentiam regiam, de qua supra
" fit mentio, in se continentes ; quarum tenor sequi-
" tur, et est iste.—

" ' Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ,
" ' et Dominus Hiberniæ, dilectis sibi in [5] Christo, Priori

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[1] *ymmo* in MS.
[2] *repereantur* in MS.
[3] *set* in MS.
[4] Sic in MS.
[5] *Cristo* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " ' et Conventui Monasterii [1] [nostri] Sancti Albani, salu-
" ' tem. Ex parte vestra nobis est humiliter supplica-
" ' tum, ut cum Monasterium vestrum prædictum, per
" ' mortem, bonæ memoriæ, Magistri Johannis Whet-
" ' hamsted, ultimi Abbatis loci illius, pastoris solatio sit
" ' destitutum, alium vobis eligendi in Abbatem et pas-
" ' torem licentiam vobis concedere dignaremur:—Nos,
" ' precibus vestris in hac parte favorabiliter inclinati,
" ' licentiam illam vobis, tenore præsentium, duximus
" ' concedendam; mandantes quod talem vobis eligatis
" ' in Abbatem et pastorem, qui Deo devotus, ecclesiæ
" ' vestræ necessarius, nobisque et regno nostro utilis
" ' et fidelis, existat. In cujus rei testimonium, has
" ' Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste me-
" ' ipso, apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo octavo die
" ' Januarii, anno regni nostri quarto.'

" Post quarum quidem litterarum lecturam hujus-
" modi, prænominatus Frater Johannes Peytone, De-
" cretorum Doctor, Constitutionem Generalis Concilii—
" ' Quia propter '—publice legit et declaravit: qua
" declarata, omnes et singuli fratres et monachi supra
" specificati, tunc ibidem, ut sæpe dicitur, Capitula-
" riter congregati, prælibato Fratre Willelmo Albone
" duntaxat excepto, nullo ipsorum discrepante, subito
" et repente, absque aliquo intervallo, seu trac-
" tatu inter eos præhabito, aut aliquo alio actu interve-
" niente, Spiritus Sancti gratia, ut firmiter creditur,
" inspirante, unico contextu, una voce, et, ut appa-
" ruit, uno spiritu, eundem Fratrem Willelmum Al-
" bone, Priorem et Præsidentem antedictum, in ipso-
" rum et dicti monasterii Abbatem concorditer et
" unanimiter [2] elegerunt.

" Et statim post præmissa, Frater Johannes Lang-
" tone, monachus supra notatus, de expresso consensu
" omnium et singulorum fratrum suorum, monachorum

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[1] See p. 41 *post*.

[2] *eligerunt* in MS.

" prædictorum, præterquam dicti Willelmi Albone, elec- A.D. 1465.
" tionem de eodem Fratre Willelmo publice fecit, et
" ipsum Fratrem Willelmum in Abbatem dicti monas-
" terii in scriptis publice elegit [1] solemniter in communi,
" sub hac forma verborum.—

" 'In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti,
" 'Amen. Ego, Frater Johannes Langtone, Prior de
" 'Tynemutha, monachus istius Monasterii, sive Eccle-
" 'siæ Conventualis, Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti
" 'Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Dicœcesis, Sedi Apostolicæ
" 'immediate subjecti, vice mea, ac vice et mandato
" 'omnium et singulorum confratrum meorum ejusdem
" 'monasterii, in instanti electione comparentium, ac
" 'jus et voces in eadem habentium, præterquam
" 'Fratris Willelmi Albone, dicti monasterii Prioris,
" 'eundem Fratrem Willelmum Albon, [3] Decretorum
" 'Doctorem, virum utique providum et discretum, lit-
" 'terarum scientia, vita, et moribus, merito commen-
" 'dandum, in ordine sacerdotali, et ætate [4] legitima,
" 'constitutum, Ordinem et Regulam in eodem mo-
" 'nasterio expresse professum, de [5] legitimo etiam ma-
" 'trimonio procreatum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus
" 'plurimum circumspectum, scientem et valentem jura
" 'dicti monasterii utiliter tueri et defendere, eligo in
" 'Abbatem dicti monasterii Sancti Albani hic pub-
" 'lice in communi, et eidem monasterio provideo de
" 'eodem.'

" Qua quidem electione in communi sic facta, præ-
" fati, Thomas Luton, Supprior, et cæteri fratres et
" monachi, omnes et singuli supradicti, præfato Fratre
" Willelmo Albone duntaxat excepto, dederunt et [6] con-
" senserunt memorato Fratri Johanni Hatfeld, monacho,
" plenam potestatem electionem prædictam de præfato

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[1] *solempniter* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *Decretorem* in MS.
[4] *legittima* in MS.
[5] *legittimo* in MS.
[6] Qy. " *concesserunt.*"

A.D. 1465. " Willelmo Albone, ut præasseritur, factam et celebra-
" tam, clero et populo in communi publicandi. Post
" cujus quidem potestatis dationem, omnes et singuli
" monachi, superius recitati, ipso Fratre Willelmo Al-
" bone, electo, tantummodo excepto, 'Te Deum lauda-
" 'mus' decantantes, eundem Willelmum, sic electum, ad
" et in Ecclesiam Conventualem monasterii prædicti, et
" ad summum altare ejusdem, duci fecerunt; ubi conse-
" quenter, hujusmodi [1]Hymno et oratione secuta de-
" cantatis, prænominatus Frater Johannes Hatfeld, stans
" cum dicto electo ante altare, hujusmodi electionem
" prædictam clero et populo, in multitudine copiosa
" inibi congregatis, alta et intelligibili voce publicavit,
" et eis personam dicti Fratris Willelmi, electi, in pub-
" lico ostendebat.

" Subsequenter vero, post præmissa sic peracta, dictus
" Frater Thomas Lutone, Supprior, et cæteri monachi
" supradicti, omnes et singuli, ipso Fratre Willelmo
" Albone, electo, duntaxat excepto, ad Domum Capi-
" tularem sæpefatam redeuntes, ac in illa Capitulariter
" congregati, et Capitulum facientes, Fratres, Johan-
" nem Peytone, Johannem Langtone, et Willelmum
" Walingforde, monachos antedictos, conjunctim et di-
" divisim, ac quemlibet ipsorum, per se et in solidum,
" quod non esset melior conditio occupantis, [2]sed quod
" unus eorum inceperit quilibet eorundem id libere pro-
" sequi, mediare, valeret, pariter et finire, suos veros
" et legitimos ordinaverunt, fecerunt, et constituerunt,
" procuratores ac nuncios speciales; dederuntque et
" concesserunt iidem constituentes præfatis procuratori-
" bus suis, conjunctim, et cuilibet eorum, ut præfertur,
" divisim et in solido, potestatem generalem et man-
" datum speciale pro ipsis constituentibus, et eorum
" nominibus, dictam electionem prænominato Fratri
" Willelmo Albone, electo, præsentandi, ipsumque Fra-

[1] *Ympno* in MS. | [2] *set* in MS.

" trem Willelmum, electum, ut electioni hujusmodi, de A.D. 1465.
" se factæ, ipsius præberet consensum, pariter et assen-
" sum, et ut idem electioni consentiret, debite rogandi
" et requirendi, atque ipsius hujusmodi electioni con-
" sensum et assensum obtinendi, cæteraque omnia et
" singula in ea parte necessaria, requisita, sive [1]oppor-
" tuna, faciendi, exercendi, et expediendi; promittentes
" se ratum et gratum habituros totum et quicquid
" dicti sui procuratores, seu eorum aliquis, fecerint, seu
" fecerit, in præmissis, vel aliquo præmissorum. Quam
" potestatem quidem procuratoriam, sic datam, dicti
" Fratres, Johannes Peyton, Johannes Langtone, et
" Willelmus Walyngforde, ibidem præsentes, in se ex-
" presse acceptarunt.

" Postea vero, vicesimo quinto die mensis Februarii
" prædicti, anno Domini, Indictionis, Pontificatusque
" prædicto, circiter meridiem ejusdem diei, dicti Fratres,
" Johannes Peytone, Johannes Langtone, et Willelmus
" Walingforde, procuratores prædicti, ad præfatum Fra-
" trem Willelmum Albone, electum, in quadam alta
" camera habitationis Prioralis sæpedicti monasterii
" tunc existentem, accesserunt, et, nomine procuratorio
" dictorum constituentium, præfatam electionem de
" ipso Fratre Willelmo, electo, præsentarunt et intima-
" runt, ac eundem electum ad consentiendum electioni
" hujusmodi, de se factæ, rogarunt et requisierunt.
" Quibus rogatibus et requisitionibus sic factis, idem
" Frater Willelmus, electus, dictis procuratoribus re-
" spondebat, et dixit quod non erat plene deliberatus
" ad dandum eis in ea parte plenum responsum; et
" quod vellet deliberare quid in ea parte consultius
" esset faciendum.

" Postmodum vero, circiter horam Vesperarum dicti
" diei vicesimi quinti, præfati Fratres, Johannes Pey-
" tone, Johannes Langtone, et Willelmus Walyng-

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[1] *oportuna* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " forde, procuratores prædicti, prælibatum Fratrem
" Willelmum Albone, electum, in camera habitationis
" Prioralis prædictæ existentem, nomine procuratorio
" quo supra, sæpius et instantius, etiam genibus flexis,
" iterum rogaverunt, et humiliter requisierunt, ut ipse,
" electus, electioni prædictæ, de se factæ, absque ulte-
" riori dilatione, suos præberet consensum, pariter et
" assensum. Et tandem dictus Frater Willelmus, elec-
" tus, sic sæpius requisitus, nolens, ut asseruit, divinæ
" resistere voluntati, votis dictorum procuratorum, sic
" requirentium, annuens, electioni hujusmodi benigne
" et devote [1] consensit, ac suum consensum, pariter et
" assensum, in ea parte, in scriptis expresse præbuit,
" sub eo, qui sequitur, verborum tenore.—

" ' In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego, Willelmus Albone,
" ' Decretorum Doctor, monachus Monasterii Sancti Al-
" ' bani, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, perti-
" ' nentis, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Dioe-
" ' cesis, ipsum Ordinem ac Regulam ejusdem Sancti
" ' Benedicti in eodem monasterio expresse professus,
" ' et in ordine sacerdotali constitutus, nolens divinæ
" ' resistere voluntati, ad requisitionem instantem Capi-
" ' tuli, seu Conventus, dicti monasterii, et procura-
" ' torum [3] eorundem, ad honorem Dei Omnipotentis,
" ' et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, et Sancti Albani, Angliæ
" ' [4] Protomartyris, Patroni dicti monasterii, electioni
" ' hujusmodi, de me factæ, consentio, et consensum
" ' meum [5] præbeo in hiis scriptis.'

" Acta fuerunt hæc omnia et singula, prout supra
" scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno Domini, Indictione,
" Pontificatu, mensibus, diebus, et locis, supra desig-
" natis, præsentibus, ut prædicitur, in præfata Domo
" Capitulari, dicto ultimo die [6] mensis Januarii, præ-
" nominatis Domino Benedicto Ederiche et Willelmo

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[1] *concensiit* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *earundem* in MS.
[4] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[5] *præbio* in MS.
[6] Repeated in MS.

" Kynge, [1] presbyteris, memoratoque vicesimo quinto A.D. 1465.
" die mensis Februarii, in præfata Ecclesia Conventuali,
" tempore decantationis Missæ de Spiritu Sancto, et
" pulsationis campanæ ad Capitulum congregandum,
" præsentibus prælibatis Bartholomæo et Petro; nec-
" non eodem vicesimo quinto die, in singulis aliis præ-
" missis, in Domo Capitulari, Capella, claustro, et
" camera, suprascriptis, præfatis Domino Benedicto,
" [2] presbytero, ac Magistro Willelmo Dabeney, clerico,
" sæpedictis, testibus ad præmissa, eis, ut præmittitur,
" divisim interessentibus, vocatis specialiter, et rogatis."
" Et ego, Willelmus Pope, Clericus Clonencis [3] Dioe-
" cesis, Publicus, auctoritate Apostolica et Imperiali,
" Notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, dum, sicut
" præmittitur, sub anno Domini, Indictione, Pontificatu,
" ultimis, et dicti mensis Januarii, et vicesimo quinto
" præfati mensis Februarii, diebus, locisque memoratis,
" infra septa præfati monasterii situatis, agebantur et
" fiebant, una cum prænominatis testibus, sicut præ-
" mittitur, divisim præsentibus et interessentibus,
" præsens personaliter interfui; eaque omnia et sin-
" gula sic fieri vidi et audivi, per alium scribi feci,
" publicavi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, signo-
" que et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi;
" meque hic, una cum præfato Magistro Waltero Bed-
" low, Notario Publico, se subscribente, subscripsi,
" rogatus et requisitus, in fidem et testimonium om-
" nium et singulorum præmissorum. Et constat [4] mihi
" de rasura istarum dictionum—'erat dicti monasterii
" 'hic publice in communi,' in undecima, tricesima oc-
" tava, quadragesima octava, quinquagesima nona, et
" sexagesima, ac de [5] interlineatione hujus verbi—'ab-
" 'sentiis,' in dicta tricesima octava, [6] lineis a capite

[1] *presbiteris* in MS.
[2] *presbitero* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *michi* in MS.
[5] *interliniatione* in MS.
[6] *linea* in MS.; corrected from the next article.

A.D. 1465. " præsentis instrumenti computando. Quas et quod
" approbo, et omni sinistra suspicione carere volo, ego
" Willelmus, Notarius antedictus."

" Et ego, Walterus Bedlow, clericus Lincolniensis
" [1]Diœcesis, Publicus, auctoritate Apostolica, Notarius,
" præmissis omnibus et singulis, dum, sicut præmit-
" titur, sub anno Domini, Indictione, Pontificatu, vi-
" cesimo quinto die dicti mensis Februarii, Domo
" Capitulari, capella, claustro, ecclesia, et camera, præ-
" dictis, agebantur et fiebant, una cum prænominatis
" Domino Benedicto et Magistro Willelmo Dabeney,
" testibus antedictis, præsens personaliter interfui;
" eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi,
" scripsi, [2]publicavi, et in hanc publicam formam red-
" egi, signoque [3][et] nomine meis solitis et consuetis
" signavi; meque hic, una cum prælibato Magistro
" Willelmo Pope, Notario Publico, se subscribente,
" subscripsi, rogatus et requisitus, in fidem et testimo-
" nium omnium et singulorum præmissorum. Et con-
" stat [4]mihi [3][de] rasura istarum dictionum,—'erat dicti
" 'monasterii hic publice in communi,' in undecima,
" tricesima octava, quadragesima octava, quinquagesima
" nona, et sexagesima, ac de [5]interlineatione hujus
" verbi—'absentiis,' in dicta tricesima octava, [6]lineis, a
" capite præsentis instrumenti computando, per me
" facti et scripti. Quas et quod approbo, et omni si-
" nistra suspicione carere volo, ego Walterus, Notarius
" antedictus."

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *puplicavi* in MS.
[3] Omitted in MS.
[4] *michi* in MS.
[5] *interliniatione* in MS.
[6] *linnis*, apparently, in MS.

[1] *Licentia regia ad procedendum ad electionem concessa.* A.D. 1465.

The *Congé d'elire* granted by King Edward IV., for the election of a new Abbot.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et " Dominus Hiberniæ, dilectis sibi in [2] Christo, Priori et " Conventui Monasterii nostri Sancti Albani, salutem. " Ex parte vestra nobis est humiliter supplicatum, ut " cum Monasterium vestrum prædictum, per mortem, " bonæ memoriæ, Magistri Johannis Whethamsted, ul- " timi Abbatis loci illius, pastoris sit solatio destitu- " tum, alium vobis eligendi in Abbatem et pastorem " licentiam vobis concedere dignaremur:—Nos, pre- " cibus vestris in hac parte favorabiliter inclinati, " licentiam illam vobis, tenore præsentium, duximus " concedendam; mandantes quod talem vobis eligatis in " Abbatem et pastorem, qui Deo devotus, ecclesiæ ves- " træ necessarius, nobisque [3] [et] regno nostro utilis " et fidelis, existat. In cujus rei testimonium, has " Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, " apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo octavo die Januarii, " anno regni nostri quarto."

" Per breve de Privato Sigillo, et de data prædicta, " auctoritate Parliamenti.—Frystone."

Privatum Sigillum, super [4] consensu Regis tam dicto Electo, quam Electioni, facto; et pro restitutione Temporalium dicto Electo.

Writ under the Privy Seal, for the restitution of temporalities to the Abbot elect.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et " Dominus Hiberniæ, Reverendo in Christo Patri, caris- " simo consanguineo nostro, Georgio, Exoniæ Episcopo, " Cancellario nostro, salutem. Cum dilecti nobis in " [2] Christo Prior et Conventus Monasterii nostri de " Sancto Albano, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnien-

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[1] Already given in the body of the preceding document, pp. 33, 34.

[2] *Cristo* in MS.

[3] Omitted in MS. See p. 34 *ante*.

[4] *concensu* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " sis [1] Diœcesis, nobis intimarunt, quod, vacante nuper
" monasterio prædicto, per mortem, recolendæ memoriæ,
" Magistri Johannis Whethamsted, ultimi Abbatis
" ejusdem,—petita a nobis primitus licentia alium eli-
" gendi in eorum Abbatem et pastorem, et per nos
" concessa,—venerabilem et circumspectum virum, Fra-
" trem Willelmum Albone, [2] Decretorum Doctorem,
" commonachum et confratrem suum, in eorum et dicti
" monasterii Abbatem, unanimi assensu, canonice [3] ele-
" gerunt, et pastorem; humillime supplicantes, quatinus
" præfatæ electioni nostrum consensum regium libera-
" liter adhibere dignaremur, prout per litteras prædic-
" torum Prioris et Conventus, quas vobis destinamus,
" præsentibus interclusas, plene liquet:—Nos igitur,
" hujusmodi supplicationi favorabiliter inclinati, tam
" dictæ electioni, quam electo, regium nostrum consen-
" sum, pariter et assensum, adhibuimus et adhibe-
" mus, et favorem, et fidelitatem ipsius electi cepimus;
" temporaliaque monasterii prædicti, cum pertinentiis,
" restituimus eidem. Quare vobis mandamus, quod
" litteras nostras, sub Magno Sigillo nostro, super
" dicto consensu nostro, ac brevia pro restitutione
" prædictorum temporalium eidem electo, fieri faciatis
" in debita forma, et consimili casu consueta. Data
" sub Privato Sigillo nostro, apud Palatium nostrum
" Westmonasterii, primo die Martii, anno regni nostri
" quarto."

Breve regium, directum omnibus tenentibus dicti Abbatis, ut sint [4] intendentes et respondentes sibi, sic electo.

Writ directed to the tenants of the

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et
" Dominus Hiberniæ, militibus, liberis hominibus, et
" omnibus aliis tenentibus, de Monasterio nostro Sancti

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *Decretorem* in MS.
[3] *eligerunt* in MS.
[4] *intendent* in MS.

" Albani, salutem. Cum nuper, ad supplicationem Do- A.D. 1465.
" mini Ricardi, nuper Regis Angliæ, Secundi post Abbot, enjoining due obedience.
" Conquæstum, per Sedem Apostolicam Conventui Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Romanæ Ecclesiæ immediate
" subjecti, sit indultum, quod omnes et singuli qui
" successive perpetuis futuris temporibus in Abbates
" dicti monasterii, cum illud vacare contigerit, per
" ipsum Conventum electi fuerint, eo ipso, absque
" aliqua alia confirmatione, sint veri Abbates ejusdem
" monasterii, et pro talibus [1] censeantur et habeantur;
" ac proinde administrare, et curam animarum gerere,
" ac omnia alia et singula, quæ ad curam, ministra-
" tionem, ac regimen, dicti monasterii pertinuerint,
" libere et licite facere et exercere, in omnibus et per
" omnia, possint [2] in perpetuum, acsi per Sedem præ-
" dictam eorum electio foret confirmata; et hujusmodi
" Abbates, sicut præfertur, per dictum Conventum
" electi, a quocunque [3] maluerit Catholico Antistite,
" gratiam et [4] communionem dictæ Sedis habente, be-
" nedici valeant; non obstantibus quibuscunque, Con-
" stitutionibus, litteris, seu privilegiis Apostolicis, aut
" statutis seu consuetudinibus Monasterii prædicti, sive
" Ordinis ejusdem, contrariis, juramento, confirmatione
" Apostolica, vel quacunque alia firmitate, roboratis;
" prout in litteris bullatis dictæ Sedis Apostolicæ,
" coram nobis in Cancellaria nostra ostensis, vidimus
" contineri: et nos igitur electionem de dilecto nobis
" in Christo Fratre Willelmo Albone, Decretorum Doc-
" tore, ejusdemque monasterii commonacho et confra-
" tre, per mortem Magistri Johannis Whethamstede,
" ultimi Abbatis ejusdem loci vacantis, per Conven-
" tum prædictum in Abbatem loco illius, licentia nostra
" super hoc petita et obtenta, electo, et per dictam

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[1] *senseantur* in MS.
[2] *imperpetuum* in MS.
[3] Sic in MS.; in the singular.
[4] *comunionem* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " Sedem Apostolicam sic confirmato, acceptantes,
" eidem electioni regium assensum adhibuimus, et fa-
" vorem, et fidelitatem ipsius electi cepimus, tempora-
" liaque monasterii prædicti, cum pertinentiis, restitui-
" mus eidem. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod eidem
" Willelmo, tanquam Abbati et domino vestro, in om-
" nibus quæ ad monasterium prædictum pertinent,
" intendentes sitis, et respondentes. In cujus rei tes-
" timonium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes.
" Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, tertio die
" Martii, anno regni nostri quarto."

" Per breve de Privato Sigillo, et de data prædicta,
" auctoritate Parliamenti.—Frestone."[1]

Licentia concessa Priori de Tynemutha, ad recipiendum et admittendum professionem omnium et singulorum confratrum, qui pridem in dicto Prioratu religionem ingressi sunt.

Licence granted to the Prior of Tynemouth to receive profession of the inmates of the said Priory.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, Sedi
" Apostolicæ immediate subjecti, dilecto nobis in
" [3] Christo, Fratri Johanni Langtone, Priori Prioratus
" de Tynemutha, Dunolmensis [2] Diœcesis, dicto monas-
" terio subjecti, salutem in Domino Salvatore. Quia
" nos multis et arduis occupationibus sumus de præ-
" senti usque adeo præpediti, quod ad executionem
" expeditionemque infrascriptas personaliter intendere
" non valemus, ad recipiendum igitur, et admittendum,
" vice, nomine, et auctoritate, nostris, professionem om-
" nium et singulorum confratrum, qui pridem in dicto
" Prioratu religionem ingressi, et ibidem alinquandiu
" commorati, Ordinem modo, et Regulam, Sancti Be-

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[1] At this point, the greater part of folio 10 b, and the whole of folio 11, are left in blank; the context recommencing at folio 12 a.

[2] *Diocesis* in MS.

[3] *Cristo* in MS.

" nedicti solemniter profiteri, et sub jugo regularis A.D. 1465.
" observantiæ Altissimo ibidem famulari, desiderant, ut
" informamur; cæteraque omnia et singula faciendum,
" exercendum, et expediendum, quæ in hac parte ne-
" cessaria fuerint, seu quomodolibet [1] opportuna; vobis
" vices nostras, tenore præsentium, committimus, et
" plenam damus in Domino potestatem: mandantes
" quatinus de omni eo quod in hac parte feceritis, nos
" citra Festum Natalis Domini, proximo ex nunc fu-
" turum, per litteras vestras patentes, harum seriem
" continentes, vestro seu alio sigillo [2] authentico con-
" signatas, una cum nominibus ipsorum quorum pro-
" fessionem hujusmodi receperitis, reddatis debite cer-
" tiores. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum
" præsentibus apposuimus. Data in Monasterio Sancti
" Albani prædicto, secundo die mensis Aprilis, anno a
" Dominico Natalitio millesimo quadringentesimo sex-
" agesimo quinto."

Licentiæ, concessionesque diversæ, Priori supradicto super certis Privilegiis concessæ, patent inferius.

" Willelmus, divina miseratione, Abbas exempti Mo- Grant of privileges by the Abbot of St. Alban's to the Prior of Tynemouth.
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lin-
" colniensis [3] Diœcesis, dilecto in [4] Christo filio, Domino
" Johanni Langton, Priori Cellæ nostræ de Tynemutha,
" salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ut ad quascun-
" que ecclesias de tuo patronatu existentes, cum vaca-
" verint, præsentare, domos, maneria, terras, tenementa,
" et molendina, ad firmam dimittere, fructus decimarum
" et proventus ecclesiarum vendere, officiarios etiam
" quoscunque, tam regulares quam sæculares, quando-
" cunque expediens fuerit, ab eorum officio removere et

[1] *oportuna* in MS.
[2] *autentico* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *Cristo* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " [1] amovere, aliosque in eorum loco, ad tuum libitum, " facere et ordinare, confessiones fratrum tuorum audire, " eosdemque, in casibus nobis a jure seu consuetudine " reservatis, absolvere, unum etiam de ipsis, qui tibi, " nostra auctoritate, absolutionis beneficium impendet, " quotienscunque necesse fuerit, eligere, valeas, licentiam, " per præsentes, concedimus specialem. Data in Monas- " terio nostro de Sancto Albano prædicto, secundo die " mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringen- " tesimo sexagesimo quinto."

Pottesgrave.

Presentation to the Rectory of Pottesgrove. A.D. 1464.

Mensis Martii die octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quarto, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Humfridum Graunger, Capellanum, ad Rectoriam de Pottesgrave; vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Baker, immediate Rectoris ibidem.

Sandrugge.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Sandrugge.

Mensis Junii die vicesimo sexto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto, data fuit Vicaria de [2] Sandrugge Domino Willelmo Tyler, Capellano; [3] vacante per mortem Domini Roberti Rydley, immediate Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione sexaginta et quatuor solidorum octo denariorum.

Codicote.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Codicote.

Eodem die, ac mense supradicto, anno Domini præscripto, data fuit Vicaria de Codicote Domino Johanni Hardyng, Capellano; vacante per liberam resignationem prænominati Domini Willelmi Tyler.

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[1] *ammovere* in MS.

[2] Now Sandridge, in Hertfordshire.

[3] *vacant*, apparently.

Manumissio. A.D. 1465.

Manumission of a man and his family, born in bondage.

Mensis Julii die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto, Dominus Abbas manumisit, et ab omni jugo servitutis, villenagii, seu bondagii, liberos fecit, Thomam Crystmes, de Redborne, seniorem, ac Thomam Cristmes, Johannem Cristmes, et Willelmum Cristmes, filios suos, Helenamque et Agnetem, filias præfati Thomæ senioris, cum tota sequela earundem procreata, et [1] in posterum procreanda; secundum tenorem et formam cujusdam manumissionis scriptam in [2] duodecimo folio, ab isto retrorsum computando.[3]

Litteræ Patentes missæ ab Abbate de Burgo Sancti Petri, ad visitandum Monasterium Sancti Albani.

Letter of the Abbot of Peterborough, signifying his approaching Visitation of the Monastery of St. Alban's.

" Reverendo et religioso viro, Domino Abbati Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
" Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, [5] Ricardus, permissione divina,
" Abbas Monasterii de Burgo Sancti Petri, eorundem
" Ordinis et [4] Diœcesis, salutem in Eo Qui est omnium
" vera salus. Nuper in Capitulo nostro Provinciali,
" apud Northamptonam ultimo ante datam præsentium
" celebrato, eramus omnium Monasteriorum nostri Or-
" dinis, infra [6] Diœcesim Lincolniensem, Visitator depu-
" tati. Idcirco, die Jovis, videlicet, vicesimo quinto
" die mensis instantis Junii, ad vestrum monasterium,
" causa Visitationis exercendæ, favente Altissimo, inten-
" dimus declinare, vestrumque memoratum monaste-
" rium, in Domo Capitulari ejusdem, hora Capituli
" consueta, auctoritate prædicta, juxta canonicas sanc-
" tiones, observantiasque regulares, actualiter et debite

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[1] *imposterum* in MS.

[2] This refers to a preceding folio, which no longer exists.

[3] In the margin is written—13*s.* 4*d.*, in apparently a contemporary hand, probably the fine paid on such manumission.

[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

[5] Richard Ashton.

[6] *Diocesim* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " visitare, prout poterimus, et tenemur. Vobis igitur
" committimus et mandamus, quatinus omnes et sin-
" gulos vestros commonachos, confratres et conversos,
" cæterosque, qui solent et debent ex causa hujusmodi
" convocari, de Visitatione nostra prædicta, ejusdemque
" Visitationis die et loco, faciatis celeriter præmuniri;
" ut præmuniti se præparent, Visitationem nostram
" hujusmodi canonice admissuri. Vos etiam, tenore
" præsentium, de præmissis præmunimus, et [1] nihilo-
" minus peremptorie citamus, eosdemque per vos citari
" volumus et mandamus, quatenus dictis die et loco,
" cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequen-
" tium, si necesse fuerit, coram nobis, seu nostris in ea
" parte Commissariis, personaliter compareatis, et com-
" pareant, Visitationem nostram hujusmodi humiliter
" subituros; ulteriusque facturos et subituros quod,
" secundum negotii qualitatem, juri fuerit congruum,
" et consonum rationi. De die vero receptionis præ-
" sentium, et quid in præmissis feceritis, necnon de
" nomine vestro, ac de nominibus et cognominibus
" citatorum hujusmodi, dictis die et loco distincte et
" aperte nos, vel hujusmodi Commissarios nostros, cer-
" tificare curetis, per litteras vestras patentes, harum
" seriem continentes, sigillo vestro [2] communi signatas.
" Data apud Burgum prædictum, sub sigillo nostro,
" quarto die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo
" quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto."

Certificatorium super [3] *Responsione Litterarum supradictarum.*

Answer to the said Letter of the Abbot of Peterborough.

" Reverendo in [4] Christo Patri, Ricardo, permissione
" divina, Abbati Monasterii Beati Petri de Burgo,
" Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [5] Diœcesis,

[1] *nichilominus* in MS.
[2] *comuni* in MS.
[3] *Responcione* in MS.
[4] *Cristo* in MS.
[5] *Diocesis* in MS.

" [1] vel ejus Commissario, seu Commissariis quibuscunque, A.D. 1465.
" omnium Monasteriorum ac aliorum Religiosorum ejus-
" dem Ordinis in dicta [2] Diœcesi existentium, in ultimo
" Capitulo Provinciali dicti Ordinis, apud Northampto-
" nam celebrato, a Præsidentibus ejusdem Visitatori
" deputato, Willelmus, eadem permissione, Abbas ex-
" empti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Be-
" nedicti, ejusdem [3] Diœcesis, obedientiam, reverentiam,
" et honorem, debitum tanto patri. Litteras vestras
" decimo-septimo die Junii recepimus, in hæc verba.—
" 'Reverendo et religioso viro, Domino Abbati Monas-
" 'terii Sancti Albani, *et cætera.*'—Quarum auctoritate
" litterarum, omnes et singulos commonachos et con-
" fratres nostros, qui solent, seu debent, ex causa hu-
" jusmodi convocari, præmuniri fecimus, et citari,
" quatinus dictis die et loco, cum continuatione et pro-
" rogatione dierum tunc sequentium, in Domo nostra
" Capitulari compareant. Ac nos, favente Deo, dictis
" die et loco personaliter comparebimus, Visitationem
" vestram hujusmodi humiliter subituri, ulteriusque
" facturi et recepturi quod, secundum negotii qualita-
" tem, juri fuerit congruum, et ratum. Nomina vero,
" et cognomina, omnium et singulorum per nos cita-
" torum in scedula præsentibus annexa, in serie, conti-
" nentur. Et sic dictas litteras vestras sumus in om-
" nibus [4] obedienter executi. In cujus rei testimonium,
" sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Data
" in monasterio nostro prædicto, decimo-nono die men-
" sis Junii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" sexagesimo quinto."

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[1] *ve* in MS.
[2] *Diocesi* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *obienter* in MS.

A.D. 1465. Appointment of William Walyngford as Prior of St. Alban's.

[1] Memorandum, quod octavo-decimo die mensis Martii, in die, videlicet, Sancti Edwardi Regis, Dominus Abbas, cum communi assensu fratrum suorum, hora Capituli in dicto monasterio consueta, creavit Dominum Willelmum Walyngford, Archidiaconum suum, in Priorem ejusdem monasterii; qui ductus erat ad stallum suum in choro, inter Dominum Thomam Lutone, adtunc Suppriorem et Præcentorem ejusdem monasterii, ac Dominum [2] Nicolaum Lychefelde, Tertium Priorem, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [3] quarto.

Hexton.

Resignation of the Vicarage of Hexton, by Henry Castelle.

Mensis Novembris die octavo-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto, Dominus Henricus Castelle, Capellanus, resignavit Vicariam suam de Hextone, in forma subsequenti:—

"In Dei nomine, Amen.—Coram vobis, Reverendo "in Christo Patre et Domino, Domino Willelmo, divina "miseratione, Abbate exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, "Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, "nullo medio, pertinentis, Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, et "testibus hic præsentibus, ego, Henricus Castelle, "Vicarius perpetuus Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Hexton, "vestræ examptæ jurisdictionis, volens et affectans, ex "certis causis veris et licitis me ad hoc moventibus, a "cura et regimine dictæ vicariæ meæ penitus exone-"rari, ipsam vicariam meam de Hextone prædicta, "cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, "in vestras sacras manus, Reverende Pater antedicte,

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[1] Against this article, the word "*Nota*," calling particular attention to it, is entered in the margin.

[2] *Nicholaum* in MS.

[3] According to the present reckoning, 1465.

[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

" non metu, fraude, aut dolo, ductus, [1] sed pure, sponte, A.D. 1465.
" simpliciter, et absolute, resigno; ab eademque, et
" ejus possessione, re et verbo, totaliter hic recedo;
" supplicans vestræ Reverendæ Paternitatis, quatinus
" præsentem resignationem meam admittere, meque a
" cura et regimine dictæ vicariæ [2] me exonerare,
" dignemini, intuitu caritatis."

" Acta fuerunt hæc coram prædicto Venerabili Patre, Official attestation thereof.
" mense, die, et anno, præscriptis, in Studio suo, infra
" dictum monasterium situato, Magistro Johanne Pey-
" tone, Decretorum Doctore, Magistro Willelmo Pope,
" dictæ jurisdictionis [3] Officiali, Papali et Imperiali
" Notario, Domino Roberto Chaunter, Capellano, adtunc
" Vicario Sancti Petri, infra villam de Sancto Albano,
" testibus ad hoc vocatis, specialiterque rogatis."

Hexton.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto, data fuit Vicaria de Hextone Domino Johanni White, Capellano; vacans per liberam resignationem Domini Henrici Castelle, immediate Vicarii ibidem. Nomination to the Vicarage of Hexton.

Licentia concessa Monacho ad peregrinandum.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Leave granted to a monk of St. Alban's to visit the Court of Rome.
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
" ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis,
" Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, omnibus ad quos præsentes
" litteræ nostræ pervenerint, salutem in Eo de Cujus
" latere salus universæ saliit creaturæ. Noverit uni-
" versitas vestra, dilectum confratrem nostrum in
" Christo, Dominum Bartholomæum Crowmer, com-

[1] *set* in MS.
[2] Thus repeated in MS.
[3] *Officiale* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " monachum nostrum, in dicto nostro monasterio pro-
" fessum, non excommunicatum, non apostasiæ, nec alio,
" crimine, penes nos irretitum, [1] sed bene morigeratum,
" et in congregatione nostra laudabiliter conversatum,
" pro negotiis, ipsius duntaxat animam tangentibus, in
" Curia Romana expediendis, ad ipsam Curiam trans-
" mittimus, cum licentia redeundi. In cujus rei testi-
" monium, eidem Bartholomæo, confratri et com-
" monacho nostro, has Litteras Testimoniales, sigillo
" nostro signatas, super præmissis fieri fecimus patentes.
" Data in monasterio nostro antedicto, mensis Novem-
" bris die vicesimo quinto, anno a Dominico Natalitio
" millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto."

Tyrfelde.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Tyrfeld.

Mensis Decembris die quarto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto, data fuit Vicaria de [2] Tyrfeld Domino Thomæ Shave, vacans per mortem Domini Thomæ Lee, immediate Vicarii ibidem: per præsentationem factam Episcopo Lincolniensi, quia extra [3] jurisdictionem *et cætera.*

Sudbury.

Presentation to the Vicarage of All Saints, at Sudbury.

Mensis Januarii die vicesimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Norwicensi Dominum Robertum Hynderwelle, Capellanum, ad Vicariam Omnium Sanctorum de Sudbury, vacantem per mortem Domini Thomæ Tyler; salva annua pensione tredecim solidorum quatuor denariorum, officio Coquinarii debita.

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[1] *set* in MS.
[2] Therfield, in Hertfordshire.
[3] The jurisdiction of the Abbot of St. Alban's.

Litteræ patentes missæ Domino Abbati ab Abbate Abingdoniæ, ad nominandum et præfigendum Priorem Studentium in Universitate Cantebrugiæ. A.D. 1465.

Letter of the Abbot of St. Alban's, signifying that he has a received a Letter from the Abbot of Abingdon, as a President of the Benedictines in England.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti " Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, omnibus ad quos præsentes " litteræ pervenerint, gratiam habere in præsenti, et " gloriam in futuro. Noveritis nos, die decimo mensis " Januarii, recepisse litteras Reverendi in [2] Christo " Patris et Domini, Domini [3] Willelmi, Abbatis Abyng- " doniæ, principalis Præsidentis nostri Ordinis, horum " sub tenore.—

Tenor of the said Letter, requesting him to select a Prior for the brethren of that Order then studying at the University of Cambridge.

" ' Willelmus, miseratione divina, Abbas Monasterii " ' Beatæ Mariæ de Abendone, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " ' Sarisburiensis [1] Diœcesis, ac Capituli Provincialis " ' Nigrorum Monachorum in Anglia de Præsidentibus " ' unus, Venerabili in [2] Christo Patri ac Domino, " ' Domino Willelmo, Divina Providentia, Abbati Mo- " ' nasterii Sancti Albani, ejusdem Ordinis, et Lincol- " ' niensis [1] Diœcesis, salutem, et, post præsentis vitæ " ' decursum, in aula Regis æterni finaliter lætificari. " ' Cum, juxta Constitutiones Benedictinas, teneamur " ' singulis [4] annis providere confratribus nostri Ordinis " ' in Universitate Cantebrugiæ studentibus compe- " ' tentem Priorem, qui eosdem studentes verbo et " ' exemplo, ad honorem Dei, et statum religionis, " ' laudabiliter conservandum, valeat anteire, cum " ' cujuslibet [5] coercionis canonicæ potestate, ad insolen- " ' tiam rebellium reprimendam, prout ex tenore " ' earundem Constitutionum manifestius declaratur: " ' [6] sed quia nobis, ab eodem Generali Studio longius

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] William Asshendon.
[4] *annus*, apparently, in MS.
[5] *cohercionis* in MS.
[6] *set* in MS.

A.D. 1465. " ' remotis, leviter patere non poterit de meritis perso-
" ' narum, quis inter ipsos studentes ad hujusmodi
" ' Prioratus officium fuerit merito præferendus; ideo
" ' vestræ Reverendæ Paternitati, ad cujus notitiam, ex
" ' vicinitate locorum, faciliter devenire poterit, quis
" ' inter eosdem studentes in prædicta sollicitudine
" ' merebitur cæteros anteire, juxta vim et formam
" ' Constitutionum prædictarum, vobis in hac parte
" ' committimus vices nostras, auctoritate totius Capi-
" ' tuli Provincialis prædicti, qua fungimur in præsenti,
" ' vobis dando firmiter in mandatis, ut, Deum solum
" ' præ oculis vestræ [1] discretionis habentes, talem
" ' Priorem dictorum studentium vestra promoveat
" ' Paternitas, quem ad honorem Dei et Sacri Ordinis
" ' decorem credideritis amplius profuturum; dantes
" ' et concedentes eidem Priori, per vos sic præfigendo,
" ' et præfixo, plenariam potestatem inter et super
" ' singulos nostri Ordinis studentes, in dicta Uni-
" ' versitate commorantes, omnia et singula exercendi,
" ' exequendi, et expediendi, prout in dictis Constitu-
" ' tionibus per processus longiores et lucidiores mani-
" ' festius declaratur; cum cujuslibet [2] coercionis, cor-
" ' rectionis, et reformationis, prout sacer Ordo expostulet,
" ' plenissima potestate. In quorum omnium testi-
" ' monium, has litteras nostras patentes nostro
" ' sigillo securius consignavi. Data in Monasterio
" ' nostro Aberdoniæ, septimo die mensis Decembris,
" ' anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo
" ' quinto.'

Signification by the Abbot of St. Alban's of the selection made by

" Quarum auctoritate litterarum, nos, solum Deum
" habentes præ oculis, considerantes habilitatem per-
" sonæ, necnon litteraturæ, vitæ ac morum honestatem,
" dilecti confratris nostri, Domini Thomæ Pakfelde,
" Sacræ Theologiæ Baccularii, monachi Monasterii

[1] *discressionis* in MS. | [2] *cohercionis* in MS.

" [1]Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, ipsum vobis præfecimus A.D. 1466. conformity therewith.
" in Priorem Studentium, in Universitate Cantebrigiæ;
" vobis omnibus, et singulis vestri Ordinis in dicta
" Universitate studentibus, auctoritate nobis in hac
" parte commissa, dantes in mandatis, quatinus eidem
" Priori vestro sitis in omnibus licitis et honestis
" intendentes et obedientes, secundum vim, formam, et
" effectum, Constitutionum Benedictinarum ac Pro-
" vincialium, in hac parte editarum. In quorum testi-
" monium, has litteras patentes nostro sigillo securius
" consignavi. Data in Monasterio nostro de Sancto
" Albano, vicesimo die mensis Januarii, anno a Domi-
" nico Natalitio millesimo quadringentesimo sexage-
" simo quinto."

Manumissio.

Mensis Maii die quarto-decimo, anno Domini mille- Manumission of born bondmen of the Abbot of St. Alban's.
simo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, Dominus Abbas manumisit, et ab omni jugo servitutis, villenagii, sive bondagii, liberavit, et liberos fecit, Willelmum Nasshe et Robertum Nasshe, nuper de dominio suo de Sandrugge nativos, cum totis sequelis suis, procreatis præ antea, sive [2]in posterum [3]procreandis.

Manumissio.

Mensis Junii die quarto-decimo, anno Domini mille- Manumission of born bondmen of the Abbot of St. Alban's.
simo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, Dominus Abbas manumisit, sub suis litteris patentibus, sigillatis cum sigillo ipsius et Conventus, Thomam At Wode, de Baldok, et Johannem At Wode, filium præfati Thomæ, nativos de dominio suo de Newenham, cum totis sequelis suis, procreatis sive [2]in posterum procreandis.[4]

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[1] St. Benet's Holme, in Norfolk.
[2] *imposterium* in MS.
[3] The figures—6*s.* 8*d.* are entered in the margin; the fee, probably, paid for manumission.
[4] 6*s.* 8*d.* entered in the margin.

Camelton.

A.D. 1466. Presentation to the Rectory of Cameltone.

Mensis Octobris die tertio-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis Dominum Willelmum Northwolde, Capellanum, admittendum ad Rectoriam de [2] Cameltone, vacantem per mortem Domini Thomæ Large, ultimi Rectoris ibidem; salva annua pensione quadraginta solidorum.

Resignatio Domini Roberti [3] Chauntri, [4] Vicarii Sancti Petri, villæ Sancti Albani.

Resignation of the Vicarage of St. Peter's, in the town of St. Alban's.

"In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter, quod anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, Indictione quinta-decima, Pontificatus Sanctissimi in [5] Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Pauli, Divina Providentia, Papæ, Secundi, anno tertio, mensis Octobris die duodecimo, in domo habitationis honesti viri Egidii Banastre, *draper*, in Parochia Sancti Martini infra Ludgate, civitate Londoniarum, situata, in mei, Notarii Publici subscripti, et testium infrascriptorum, præsentia, constitutus personaliter, discretus vir, Dominus Robertus Chauntrye, Vicarius, ut asseruit, Ecclesiæ Parochialis Sancti Petri, in Sancto Albano, Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, quasdam resignationem et dimissionem dictæ vicariæ suæ, in scriptis redactas, fecit et legit, dictamque vicariam, non metu, vi, aut dolo, ad hoc, ut asseruit, inductus, pure, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute, resignavit, ac cætera fecit et exercuit, prout et quemadmodum in quadam [6] papyri scedula, quam tunc in manibus suis

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] Now Campton, in Bedfordshire.
[3] "*Chaunter*" in p. 51 *ante*.
[4] Repeated in MS.
[5] *Cristo* in MS.
[6] *papiri* in MS.

" tenuit, et ibidem perlegebat, plenius continebatur. A.D. 1466.
" Cujus quidem scedulæ tenor sequitur, et est talis.—
" ' In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, [1]authentica
" ' persona, et testibus his præsentibus, ego, Robertus
" ' Chauntry, Vicarius perpetuæ Ecclesiæ Parochialis
" ' Sancti Petri, in Sancto Albano, Lincolniensis
" ' [2]Diœcesis, volens et [3]affectans, ex certis veris et
" ' licitis causis me et animum meum in hac parte
" ' moventibus, ab onere, cura, et regimine, dictæ
" ' vicariæ, et meorum parochianorum ejusdem, penitus
" ' exui et [4]exonerari, non vi, metu, seu dolo, ad hoc
" ' inductus, dictam vicariam meam in venerabiles
" ' manus Willelmi, permissione divina, Abbatis Monas-
" ' terii Sancti Albani, Lincolniensis [2]Diœcesis, seu
" ' alterius cujuscunque resignationem dictæ vicariæ
" ' admittendi potestatem habentis, pure, sponte, sim-
" ' pliciter, et absolute, resigno; eamque re et verbo
" ' dimitto, ac juri, titulo, et [5]possessioni, meis, præ-
" ' habitis in eadem, [6]renuncio, eisque cedo, et ab
" ' eisdem recedo totaliter in hiis scriptis. Acta sunt
" ' hæc, prout supra scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno
" ' Domini, Indictione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco,
" ' prædictis. Præsentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris,
" ' dicto Egidio Banastre, Roberto Wheler, et Ricardo
" ' Martyn, litteratis, in civitate Londoniarum com-
" ' morantibus; testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter,
" ' et rogatis.'
" Et ego, [7]Nicolaus Parker, clericus Norwicensis
" [2]Diœcesis, Publicus, auctoritate Apostolica et Impe-
" riali, Notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, dum
" sic, ut præmittitur, sub anno Domini, Indictione,
" Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prædictis, agebantur

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[1] *autentica* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *effectans* in MS.
[4] Apparently, "*oexonerari*" in MS.
[5] *possessionem* in MS.
[6] *renucio* in MS.
[7] *Nicholaus* in MS.

A.D. 1466. " et fiebant, una cum prænominatis testibus, præsens " interfui, eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et " audivi. Aliunde occupatus per aliam scribam feci " publicari, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, manu- " que propria me hic [1] subscripsi, ac signo et nomine " meis solitis et consuetis signavi, rogatus et requisitus, " in fidem et testimonium omnium præmissorum."

The next nomination to the Vicarage given to Edmund Westby, Esquire.

[2] Virtute cujus resignationis, Dominus Abbas concessit nominationem dictæ vicariæ Edmundo Westby, Armigero, adtunc ballivo libertatis suæ; ad illam intentionem, ut ipse præsentaret dictum Vicarium Dominationi suæ, admittendum dictæ vicariæ; quam vicariam [3] negligenter et dolose cum talibus resignationibus dictus Vicarius [4] admisit et perdidit. Forma præsentationis subsequitur, in hiis scriptis.—

Præsentatio ad Vicariam Sancti Petri.

Form of presentation thereto, by Edmund Westby, of the Vicar who had just resigned.

" Venerabili in [5] Christo Patri et Domino, Domino " Willelmo, divina miseratione, Abbati exempti Monas- " terii Sancti Albani, vester humilis serviens, Edmundus " Westby, Armiger, omnimodas reverentias et honores. " Ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de Sancto Petro, infra " villam de Sancto Albano, vestræ jurisdictionis et " patronatus, per liberam resignationem Domini Roberti " Chauntry, ultimi Vicarii ibidem, in sacras manus " vestras factam, et per vos admissam, vacantem, et " ad meam præsentationem, hac vice tantum, per ves- " tram benevolam donationem, [6] mihi in ea parte con- " cessam, pleno jure spectantem, dilectum [6] mihi in " [5] Christo, præfatum Dominum Robertum Chaunterye, " Capellanum, Paternitati vestræ Reverendæ, ratione " dictæ vestræ donationis, hac vice tantum, ut præ-

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[1] *subscribi* in MS.

[2] A hand is placed in the margin, calling attention to this entry.

[3] *necligenter* in MS.

[4] The exact meaning of this is difficult to be understood.

[5] *Cristo* in MS.

[6] *michi* in MS.

" fertur, præsentandum, præsento; supplicans humiliter A.D. 1466.
" et devote, quatenus dictum Robertum Chauntery ad
" dictam ecclesiam admittere, ac ipsum Vicarium in
" eadem instituere, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis
" universis, cæteraque peragere, quæ vestro in hac
" parte incumbunt officio pastorali, dignemini gratiose,
" jure, dignitate, et consuetudinibus, monasterii vestri
" antedicti in omnibus semper salvis. Data vicesimo
" quarto die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo
" quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto."

Rasura Monachorum.

Investment with the monastic habit, and reception of the first tonsure.

Memorandum, in die Sancti Martini Episcopi, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, Johannes Foster, Willelmus Preston, Robertus Styrop, et Johannes Slathe, jam dictus "Albon," recepti fuerunt ad habitum monachorum. Et in die Natalis Domini proxime sequente, præscripti Johannes Foster et Robertus Styrop receperunt primam tonsuram a sacris manibus Venerabilis Patris, Domini Willelmi, hujus monasterii, Sancti Albani, Abbatis.

Barnet.

Presentation to the Church of East Barnet.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, data fuit Ecclesia de Estbarnet Domino Ricardo Benet, Capellano Domini de Wenlok, ad instantiam specialem dicti Domini; vacans per mortem Domini Thomæ Norton, immediate Rectoris ibidem.

Præfixio Prioris Studentium in Cantebrigia.

Appointment of a Prior of the

Mensis Januarii die sexto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [1] sexto, Dominus

[1] A.D. 1467, according to the present mode of computation.

A.D. 1467. Students at Cambridge, in substitution for Thomas Pakfeld.

Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani recepit ab Abbate Abyndoniæ, Præsidente adtunc Nigrorum Monachorum in Anglia, litteras suas patentes, modo et forma qua reperies in secundo [1] folio ab isto, [2] retrorsum computando: virtute quarum litterarum, Dominus Abbas præfixit in Priorem Studentium in Cantebrugge Dominum Ricardum Thurtytbury, monachum Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Eboraci; quia Dominus Thomas Pakfeld, Sacræ Theologiæ Bacallarius, [3] monachus Monasterii Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo, quem Venerabilis Pater, Abbas Sancti Albani prædictus, creavit per antea, et præfixit in Priorem Studentium, virtute dictarum litterarum patentium Abbatis Abyndoniæ, sibi missarum, electus fuit in Priorem Monasterii sui de Hulmo prædicti.

Camelton.

A second presentation to the Rectory of Cameltone.

Mensis Januarii die vicesimo nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [4] sexto, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Johannem Caller, Capellanum, admittendum ad Rectoriam de Cameltone, vacantem per mortem Domini Thomæ Large, [5] immediate Rectoris ibidem; salva annua pensione quadraginta solidorum.

[6] *Lecheworth.*

Presentation to the Rectory of Lecheworth.

Mensis Februarii die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [4] sexto, facta fuit præsentatio Episcopo Lincolniensi a Domino Abbate pro Domino Johanne Mus, Capellano, ad instantiam Domini

[1] See page 53 *ante*.

[2] *retrossum* in MS.

[3] Repeated in MS.

[4] A.D. 1467, according to the present computation.

[5] The presentation of William Northwold, has been stated in p. 56 *ante*, as consequent upon the death of Thomas Large.

[6] Now Letchworth, in Hertfordshire.

de [1] Wenlok; admittendo per dictum Episcopum ad Rectoriam de Lecheworth, vacantem per mortem ultimi Rectoris ibidem, videlicet, [2] ; salva annua pensione tredecim solidorum quatuor denariorum. A.D. 1467.

Ista præsentatio adnullata fuit per dictum Dominum de Wenlok, quia prædictus J. Mus [3] Francigenus erat; et ideo, ex avisamento sui concilii, data fuit dicta ecclesia alio [4] presbytero, prout reperies in dorso istius [5] folii. This presentation annulled, the person presented being a Frenchman by birth.

Lecchеworth.

Mensis Februarii die vicesimo sexto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, ad instantiam Domini de Wenlok, præsentabatur Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominus [6] Hyne, Capellanus, admittendus Ecclesiæ de Lecheworthe; quæ ecclesia pensionatur officio Coquinarii Monasterii Sancti Albani in tresdecim solidis quatuor denariis, annuatim persolvendis. Quam præsentationem, cum reverentia, et stilo debito, Dominus Abbas sub sigillo suo præfato Episcopo scripsit et redegit. Second presentation to the Rectory of Lecheworthe.

[7] Mensis Februarii die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, [8] Dompnus Willelmus Dixwell, adtunc Prior Cellæ de Bynham, demonstravit Domino Abbati, in manerio suo de Tytenhangre, quamdam copiam Bullæ Papalis, per quam, auctoritate Apostolica, licuit quatuor fratribus et com- A copy of a Bull of Pope Nicholas the Fifth, is shown to the Abbot, allowing four

[1] John, Lord Wenlock.
[2] The name is omitted.
[3] *Fransigenus* in MS.
[4] *presbitero* in MS.
[5] Folio 16 b of the book, in its present state; see the next article in this page.
[6] The Christian name is omitted.
[7] A hand is drawn in the margin, to call attention to this entry.
[8] The monastic form of the word "*Dominus*," and equivalent to the English form "Dan," afterwards changed to "Sir."

A.D. 1467. brethren of the Abbey to transfer themselves to the Monastery of Wymundham, just severed from that of St. Alban's.

monachis Monasterii Sancti Albani, qui in dicto monasterio fuerant professi, sine licentia [1] suorum Abbatis, transire ad Monasterium Beatæ Mariæ de Wymundham; quod quondam fuerat [2] Cella subjecta Monasterio Sancti Albani, et per laborem cujusdam militis, vocati "Andreæ Ogarde," illius Cellæ fundatoris, prætense, ut asseruit, in Monasterium et Abbathiam perpetuata, et a dicto monasterio Sancti Albani penitus exemptam fieri fecit.

Cujus Bullæ tenor subsequitur, in hæc verba.—

Bull thereon, of Pope Nicholas the Fifth. A.D. 1448.

"[3] Nicolaus, Episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis "filiis, Ricardo Langley et Edmundo Shenley, ac Willelmo Godered, necnon Willelmo Wysebeche, monachis "Monasterii Sancti Albani, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate "subjecti, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Religionis zelus, vitæ ac morum honestas, aliaque laudabilia probitatis et virtutum merita, super quibus "apud nos fidedigno testimonio commendamini, nos "inducunt ut vos favore specialis gratiæ prosequamur. Hinc est quod nos, vestris in hac parte supplicationibus inclinati, vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, qui "omnes in sacerdotio constituti estis, ut de Monasterio "Sancti Albani, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjecto, "Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, "cujus monachi, ut asseritis, ordinem ipsum expresse "professi estis, absque dilecti filii, Abbatis dicti monasterii, seu cujuscunque alterius, licentia vel assensu, "ad monasterium Beatæ Mariæ de Wymondham, ejusdem Ordinis, Norwicensis [4] Diœcesis, transire, et in"ibi, sub illius habitu et Ordine, perpetuo remanere, "libere et licite valeatis, auctoritate Apostolica, tenore

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[1] Sic in MS.

[2] For the circumstances attending the severance of this Cell from the Abbey of St. Alban's, see Vol. I., pp. 148–155, and Agmundesham, Vol. II. pp. 366, 369. Though intelligible, the passage is ungrammatical.

[3] *Nicholaus* in MS.

[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

" præsentium, de specialis dono gratiæ, indulgemus; A.D. 1467.
" non obstantibus Apostolicis, bonæ memoriæ, Ottonis
" et Ottoboni, olim in regno Angliæ Apostolicæ Sedis
" Legatorum, necnon in Provincialibus et [1] Synodalibus
" editis, generalibus vel specialibus, Constitutionibus et
" ordinationibus, statutis quoque, et consuetudinibus
" Monasteriorum et Ordinis prædictorum, etiam jura-
" mento, confirmatione Apostolica, vel quavis alia fir-
" mitate, roboratis, cæterisque contrariis quibuscunque.
" Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam
" nostræ concessionis infringere, vel ei, ausu temerario,
" contraire. Si quis autem hoc [2] attentare præsumpse-
" rit, indignationem Omnipotentis Dei, et Beatorum
" Petri et Pauli, Apostolorum ejus, se noverit incur-
" surum. Data Romæ, apud Sanctum Petrum, anno
" Incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quadringentesimo
" quadragesimo octavo, pridie Idus Decembris, [3] Ponti-
" ficatus nostri anno secundo," *et cætera.*

Death of one of the said brethren, in a state of destitution.

[4] Auctoritate Litterarum Apostolicarum supradictarum, præfati Ricardus Langley et Edmundus Shenleye a Sancto Albano recesserunt, et apud Wymondham in maxima miseria moram conventualem traxerunt, et inopia maxima Ricardus moriebatur. Willelmus Wisbeche prædictus, spiritu gratiæ intimæ motus, videns se graviter errasse in consentiendo litteris prædictis, contra regulam suæ professionis, per ipsum factæ, laboravit viis, modis, et mediis, tam Episcopo Norwicensi, quam aliis amicis suis, ut ipsi dignarentur scribere Venerabili Patri, Abbati de Sancto Albano, ipsum admittendum, ut, ad reformandum conscientiam suam, [5] poterat, aut in dicto Monasterio, vel in aliqua Cella eidem pertinente, ad nutum dicti Abbatis, recipi et

Another of them, William Wisbeche, desiring to return to the Abbey of St. Alban's, the Abbot finally assents thereto.

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[1] *Sinodalibus* in MS.
[2] *attemptare* in MS.
[3] The time of the Papacy of Pope Nicholas V. was A.D. 1447–55.
[4] A hand is drawn in the margin, to call notice to this entry.
[5] Sic in MS., for "*posset.*"

A.D. 1467. admitti. Quibus supplicationibus venerabilis Episcopi, et aliorum amicorum suorum, idem Abbas pie et misericorditer se inclinans, ei licentiam revertendi ad dictum monasterium, sub litteris suis patentibus, magno sigillo suo consignatis, dedit et concessit; cujus tenor sequitur.

Refusal by W. Gooderede, one of the brethren, to act upon the said Letters Apostolic.

Memorandum.—Præfatus W. Gooderede nunquam vellet consentire Litteris Apostolicis supradictis; [1] sed, ut filius salutis et obedientiæ, conventualiter permansit sub nutu et potestate patris sui, Abbatis de Monasterio.

Licentia concessa cuidam monacho, reveniendi ad Monasterium, qui exemptus fuerat per laborem suum proprium.

Licence granted by the Abbot of St. Alban's, allowing William Wysbeche to return from the Abbey of Wymundham to that of St. Alban's.

" Reverendo in [2] Christo Patri, Willelmo Bukenham, " divina patientia, Abbati Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ de " Wymondham, Willelmus, divina miseratione, Abbas " exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, reverentias in " Domino. Cum dilectus nobis in [2] Christo Willelmus " Wysbeche, filius vester, et confrater dicti vestri mo- " nasterii, [3] prætendens ad salutem animæ suæ, prout " conscientia sua coram Deo plenius indictat, sibi mul- " tipliciter profuturum, si debitis mediis in nostrum " monasterium liceret eidem ingredi; ita ut, a jugo " vestræ obedientiæ solutus, sub nostra subjectione, ut " cæteri confratres nostri, amodo conversaretur; et ob " hoc debitis mediis nobis instantius supplicaverat, qua- " tinus ad suum propositum in ea parte proficiendum, " ex caritate, manus apponeremus effectualiter adjutri- " ces;—nos, ipsius Willelmi prædicti devotionem, quam " erga nos et nostrum monasterium, ob salutem animæ " suæ, concepit, intime acceptantes, ipsius petitionibus " stamus cum eo unanimiter inclinati; concedimusque

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[1] *set* in MS.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] *prætendes* in MS.

" plenam expressamque licentiam inter nos de cætero A.D. 1467.
" Conventualiter conversari ; dummodo litteras dimisso-
" rias, simul et commendatorias, nobis, pro parte vestra,
" sufficientes, exhibuerit, vestro sigillo in ea parte, ut
" moris est, patenter et apertius sigillatas. In cujus
" rei testimonium, has litteras patentes nostro sigillo
" confecimus consignari. Data in monasterio nostro,
" primo die Martii, anno Domini millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo sexagesimo [1] sexto."

Pro officio Ballivi de Watforde.

Appointment, during the Abbot's good pleasure, of the Bailiff of Watford.

Mensis Martii die duodecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [1] sexto, Dominus Abbas licentiavit Rogerum Mapultone occupare officium Ballivi de Watford, ad beneplacitum dicti Abbatis duraturi, sub litteris suis patentibus, in [2] papyro scriptis, et cum signeto suo consignatis ; cujus scripti copia subsequitur, in hiis verbis.—

Form of the appointment.

" Omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint,
" salutem. Sciatis quod nos, Willelmus, permissione
" divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, de
" gratia nostra speciali, fecimus et constituimus dilec-
" tum nobis Rogerum Mapultone, Ballivum villæ nostræ
" de Watford ; dantes et concedentes eidem Rogero
" plenam potestatem dictum officium Ballivi occupandi
" et exercendi, adeo bene et integre prout alii bal-
" livi nostri villæ nostræ de Watford prædictæ per-
" antea habuerunt et occupaverunt, seu occupare con-
" sueverunt. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus
" nostrum signetum apponi fecimus, ad nostrum bene-
" placitum duraturum. Data in manerio nostro de
" Tytenhangre, duodecimo die mensis Maii, anno regni

[1] A.D. 1467, according to the present computation.

[2] *papiro* in MS.

A.D. 1467. " Regis Edwardi Quarti septimo, et Dominicæ Incar-
" nationis anno millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo
" sexto."

Leccheworthe.

Formal presentation by the Abbot to the Rectory of Leccheworthe.

" Reverendo in [1] Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Johanni, divina miseratione, Lincolniensi Episcopo,
" vestrove Vicario in spiritualibus Generali cuicun-
" que, Willelmus, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti
" Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, vestræ [2] Dicœcesis,
" omnimodas reverentias et honores. Ad Ecclesiam
" Parochialem de Leccheworthe, dictæ vestræ [2] Dicœcesis,
" per mortem ultimi Rectoris ibidem vacantem, et ad
" meam præsentationem pleno jure spectantem, dilec-
" tum [3] mihi in [1] Christo, Dominum Johannem Ippynge,
" Capellanum, Paternitati vestræ Reverendæ præsento;
" supplicans humiliter et devote, quatinus præfatum
" Dominum Johannem Ippinge ad dictam ecclesiam
" de Leccheworthe admittere, et eundem Rectorem in
" eadem instituere, cum suis juribus et privilegiis uni-
" versis, cæteraque peragere quæ vestro in hac parte
" incumbunt officio pastorali, dignemini gratiose; qua-
" dam annua pensione tresdecim solidorum quatuor
" denariorum, officio Coquinarii Monasterii mei ante-
" dicti ab eadem Rectoria de Leccheworthe debita
" et consueta, in omnibus semper salva. Data in
" dicto meo monasterio, meo sub sigillo, mensis Martii
" die vicesimo sexto, anno Domini millesimo quad-
" ringentesimo sexagesimo [4] sexto."

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[1] *Cristo* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *michi* in MS.
[4] A.D. 1467, according to the present mode of reckoning.

Everesdon Magna.

Mensis Martii die quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [1] septimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Willelmo, Episcopo Eliensi, Dominum Robertum Justice, admittendum ad Vicariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de [2] Everesdone Magna, vacantem per mortem Domini Johannis Normanne, immediate Rectoris ibidem. Presentation to the Vicarage of Eversdone Magna.

Litteræ admissoriæ pro ordinibus suscipiendis.

" Willelmus, miseratione divina, Abbas exempti Mo- Licence granted by the Abbot to receive ordination.
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
" Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo
" medio, pertinentis, dilectis nobis in [4] Christo filiis,
" [5] Matthæo Pope, necnon Willelmo Pope, in Artibus
" Bacallariis, nostræ jurisdictionis exemptæ, in prima
" tonsura clericali constitutis, salutem, gratiam, et bene-
" dictionem. Ut a quocunque Episcopo Catholico, libe-
" ram sui officii executionem obtinente, et vobis sacras
" manus imponere volente, ad omnes minores ordines
" quos nondum executi fueritis, et ad omnes sacros
" ordines, cum ad illos suscipiendos perveneritis, quos
" tam litteratura, quam moribus et ætate, novimus
" præfatos ordines suscipiendos habiles fore, et capaces,
" [6] dum titulumque sufficientem eidem exhibueritis,
" licite valeatis promoveri, eo non obstante, quod in
" dicta nostra jurisdictione exempta oriundi extiteri-
" tis, aliudque canonicum non obsistat, tam hujusmodi
" Episcopo vobis conferendi, quam vobis ab eodem
" ordines supradictos recipiendi, licentiam concedimus,

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[1] A.D. 1468, according to the present computation; but "*sexto*" (1467) is probably meant.

[2] Great Eversden, in Cambridgeshire.

[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

[4] *Cristo* in MS.

[5] *Mathæo* in MS.

[6] There is probably some omission here.

A.D. 1467. " et liberam facultatem. Data in dicto nostro mo-
" nasterio, nostro sub sigillo, mensis Aprilis die unde-
" cimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexa-
" gesimo septimo."

Watford.

Gift of the Vicarage of Watford.

Mensis Maii die tertia, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, data fuit Vicaria de Watford Magistro Johanni Maddey, Capellano, vacans per mortem Domini Thomæ Fareman, ultimi Vicarii ibidem ; salva annua pensione duodecim marcarum, officio Coquinarii debita et persolvenda.

Professio Monialis.

Profession of a Nun at the Cell of St. Mary des Prez.

Mensis Maii die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Sibilla, filia Johannis Bernwelle, de villa de Sancto Albano, *Jantilman*, Monialis de Pratis, Regulam et Ordinem Sancti Benedicti, in præsentia Venerabilis Patris, Willelmi, Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, secundum modum et formam consuetam, expresse et in scriptis profitebatur, ipso venerabili patre in Pontificalibus Missam et alia servitia celebrante in dicta Cella de [1] Pratis.

Littera concessa Priori de Tynemutha, ad monachos profitendos.

Licence granted to the Prior of Tynemouth, to receive the profession of the brethren,

Mensis Julii die duodecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas licentiavit et potestatem dedit Domino Johanni Langtone, Priori [2] de Tynemutha, sub litteris suis patentibus, magno suo sigillo sigillatis, ad profitendum omnes et singulos confratres et commonachos, qui pridem re-

[1] *Pratris* in MS. | [2] *the* in MS., by inadvertence.

ligionem in dicto Prioratu ingressi sunt. Quarum lit- A.D. 1467.
terarum patentium tenorem reperies in quinto folio inmates of that Cell.
[1] retrorsum ab isto [2] computando.

Pottesgrave.

Mensis Junii die octavo-decimo, anno Domini mille- Presentation to the Rectory of Pottesgrave.
simo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Johnnem Cely, admittendum ad Rectoriam de Pottesgrave, vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Humfridi Graunger.

Procuratorium.

" Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Wil- Letters of proxy, enabling William Crow to act for the Abbot, before the Bishop of Ely.
" lelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monas-
" terii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lin-
" colniensis [3] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo
" medio, pertinentis, in omnibus causis et negotiis,
" litibus et querelis, nos, vel dictum nostrum monas-
" terium, qualitercunque tangentibus, coram Venerabili
" in Christo [4] Patre ac Domino, Domino [5] Willelmo,
" divina miseratione, Eliensi Episcopo, suove Officiali,
" seu Commissario, ac ejusdem Eliensis Diœcesis
" Archidiacono, aliisque judicibus, ordinariis, delegatis,
" seu eorum commissionariis, qualitercunque, ex officio,
" vel ad partis instantiam, procedentibus, motis, seu
" movendis, voluntate unanimi et assensu, dilectum
" nobis in Christo, Dominum Willelmum Crow, Capel-
" lanum, nostrum verum et [7] legitimum procuratorem
" ordinamus, facimus, ac etiam constituimus, per præ-
" sentes; dantes et concedentes eidem procuratori

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[1] *retrossum* in MS.
[2] See p. 44 *ante*.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *Patri* in MS.
[5] William Grey.
[6] *legittimum* in MS.

A.D. 1467. " nostro, nostro et dicti Monasterii nostri nomine,
" potestatem generalem, et mandatum speciale, agendi,
" defendendi, juramentum tam de [1] calumnia quam
" de veritate dicendi, necnon quodlibet aliud genus
" liciti juramenti in animas nostras præstandi,
" ponendi, positionibus et interrogatoriis respon-
" dendi, excipiendi, replicandi, testes producendi,
" instrumenta exhibendi, crimina et defectus [2] objici-
" endi, et objectis respondendi, beneficium absolutionis,
" et quibuscunque sententiis [3] suspensionis, excommuni-
" cationis, seu interdicti, ac sequestri, relaxationem in
" integrum, restitutionem, [4] damnorum æstimationem,
" expensasque et interesse, [5] quotiens opus fuerit,
" ponendi et recipiendi, provocandi, appellandi, pro-
" vocationum et appellationum causas efficaciter prose-
" quendi, procurationes et appellationes hujusmodi,
" omnibus quorum interest, vel interesse poterit,
" notificandi et intimandi, procuratorem alium, seu
" procuratores alios, loco ipsius substituendi, substi-
" tutum seu substitutos hujusmodi revocandi, ac pro-
" curatoris officium reassumendi, [5] quotiens et quando
" eidem videbitur expedire; omniaque alia et singula
" faciendi et exercendi, et expediendi, quæ in præ-
" missis, seu eorum aliquo, vel circa ea, aut eorum
" aliquod, de jure et consuetudine fuerint necessaria,
" seu quomodolibet [6] opportuna; etiamsi sint talia
" quæ mandatum exigant speciale: nostris tamen, et
" dicti nostri monasterii, privilegiis in omnibus semper
" salvis. Pro ipso vero [7] procuratore nostro, et ipsius
" substituto vel substitutis, substituendo vel substi-
" tuendis, in hac parte, ab ipso rem ratam haberi, et
" judicatum solvi, cum omnibus suis clausulis, pro-
" mittimus et exponimus cautiones, sub rerum nostra-

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[1] *calumpnia* in MS.
[2] *obiciendi* in MS.
[3] *suspencionis* in MS.
[4] *dampnorum* in MS.
[5] *quostiens* in MS.
[6] *oportuna* in MS.
[7] *procuratori* in MS.

" rum et dicti nostri monasterii omnium [1] hypotheca. A.D. 1467.
" In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum commune
" fecimus hiis apponi. Data in Domo nostro Capitu-
" lari, *et cætera.*"

Walingtone.

Exchange made as to the Rectory of Walyngtone.

Mensis Septembris die quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, præsentatus fuit Domino Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominus Willelmus Cornysshe, Capellanus, Sarisburiensis [2] Diœcesis, admittendus in Rectoriam de [3] Walyngtone, per viam permutationis factæ inter præfatum Willelmum Cornysshe et Dominum Johannem, Rectorem de Walingtone, modo et forma prout reperies in [4] vicesimo sexto folio ab isto retrorsum computando; salva annua pensione.

Manumissio.

Manumission of a born bondman.

Mensis Septembris die tertio-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas, sub litteris suis patentibus, tam sigillo ipsius quam et Conventus, manumisit et ab omni jugo servitutis liberavit, et liberum fecit, Willelmum Perkyne, de Aylesbury, *Payntour*, alias [5] dictum "Staynour," nuper filium Willelmi Perkyne, nativi de [6] Greneburgh, ut de manerio suo de Bygging, juxta Wynslow, in Comitatu Bukenhamiæ.[7]

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[1] *ypoteca* in MS.

[2] *Diocesis* in MS.

[3] Now Wallington, in Hertfordshire.

[4] This leaf is among the eighteen that are lost at the commencement of the volume.

[5] *dictus* in MS.

[6] Greenborough, in Buckinghamshire.

[7] 3*s.* 4*d.*,—the fine, is entered in the margin.

A.D. 1467.

Everesdoune Magna.

Presentation to the Rectory of Eversdone Magna.

Mensis Maii die vicesimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Eliensi Dominum Willelmum Crow, Capellanum, admittendum ad Rectoriam de [1] Eversdone Magna; vacantem per mortem Domini Johannis Norman, ultimi Vicarii ibidem.

Celebratio Missarum.

First celebration of Mass, by certain Monks.

Mensis Octobris, videlicet, in Vigilia Sanctæ [2] Fidis, Virginis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Willelmus Whelpely, Monachus, primam Missam suam in Capella Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, infra Monasterium, [3] solemniter, cum cantu et organis, celebravit.

In [4] die Sanctorum Nigasii Sociorumque ejus, Willelmus Wolman, Monachus, pariformiter egit anno millesimo quadragentesimo sexagesimo septimo.

Richardus Harman, Monachus, modo [5] consimili, in die Sancti [6] Lucæ Evangelistæ, anno supradicto, perfecit.

Rasura Monachorum, et Professio eorundem.

Assumption by certain persons of the monastic garb; and profession made by them.

Mensis Novembris die undecimo, videlicet, in die Sancti [7] Martini, Confessoris, Episcopi, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo sexto, recepti fuerunt ad habitum monachalem Johannes Foster, Willelmus Preston, Robertus Stirop, et Johannes Slethe. Et professi fuerunt coram summo altari in Monasterio

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[1] See p. 67 *ante*.
[2] The day of St. Faith, Virgin and Martyr, was the 6th of October.
[3] *solempniter* in MS.
[4] 11th of October.
[5] *consili* in MS.
[6] 18th of October.
[7] 11th of November.

Sancti Albani, decimo-nono die mensis [1]Maii extunc proxime sequentis, Domino Willelmo Abbate in pontificalibus Missam celebrante. A.D. 1467.

Mensis Octobris, videlicet, in Vigilia Sanctæ Fidis, Virginis et [2]Martyris, Willelmus Whelpeley *et cætera*,—*ut supra*.[3]

Rasura Monachorum, et Professio eorundem.

Assumption of the monastic garb, and profession made.

Mensis Octobris die tertio-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, recepti fuerunt ad habitum monachalem Thomas Hauke, Ricardus Ronnam, Johannes Maynard, Thomas Loring, Willelmus Malehurst, et Thomas Awncelle. Et professi fuerunt coram summo altari in Monasterio Sancti Albani, in Vigilia Sancti [4]Marci Evangelistæ, coram Domino Willelmo, Abbate, tunc Missam in pontificalibus celebrante;—anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo.

Professio et receptio Ordinum. Per Dominum Abbatem etc. data.

Profession made by certain persons, and ordination of them by the Abbot.

Memorandum.—Die Mercurii proximo post Festum Pentecostes, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Johannes Foster, Willelmus Prestone, Robertus Stirop, et Johannes Slathe, professi fuerunt, ut [5]supra dictum est. Et in die Sabbati, vicesimo tertio Maii, anno Domini, ut supra, Dominus Willelmus Abbas, Missam voce submissa in Capella sua celebrans, Ordines [6]Benedictinos et [7]acolytatum per sacras manus suas in ipsos imposuit.

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[1] *Mayy* in MS.
[2] *Martiris* in MS.
[3] See p. 72.
[4] 25th of April.
[5] See p. 72.
[6] *Benedictinas* in MS.
[7] *accolitatum* in MS.

Nota.—Pro Vicariis Sancti Petri et Sancti Andreæ.

A.D. 1467. The Warden of the Chapel of Saint Andrew compelled to pass beyond the Flesh-market, and to come to the Abbey.

Memorandum.—In die Lunæ, in [1] Hebdomade Pentecostes, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas, [2] Willelmus Albone, mandato suo speciali, astrinxit Dominum Benedictum Ederiche, Custodem [3] Capellæ Sancti Andreæ, cum parochianis suis, obviare Vicario Sancti Petri apud Sanctum Petrum, et cum [4] processione tunc ambo [5] venerunt ad Monasterium: ubi, [6] per prius, idem Benedictus omnibus diebus suis nunquam vellet transire ultra Carnificium, *et cætera*:—anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo.[7]

Watford.

The parish church of Watford purified by the Abbot, from blood shed therein, by the negligence of two parish clerks.

Memorandum. — Die Jovis, vicesimo nono Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Dominus Willelmus Abbas fuit apud Watford, ad [8] reconciliandum ecclesiam parochialem ibidem; quæ violenter polluta fuerat per duos [9] negligentes clericos parochiales, per sanguinis extractionem in dicta ecclesia; et ex sumptibus parochianorum dictus Dominus Abbas ibidem permansit, causa præmissa, per duos dies, cum viginti quatuor equis et totidem de servientibus, et octo de confratribus ejus; ex sumptibus et expensis villæ de Watforde.[10]

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[1] *Ebdomade* in MS.

[2] These two words are added in another hand.

[3] Also added, in the margin, in another hand.

[4] *prosessione* in MS.

[5] A word is erased here, and a space is left.

[6] The passage seems to be left incomplete. It bears reference probably to the disputed boundaries of adjoining parishes.

[7] A hand, drawn in the margin, calls attention to this entry.

[8] *reconsiliandum* in MS.

[9] *necligentes* in MS.

[10] A hand, drawn in the margin, calls attention to this entry; probably, as narrating a somewhat singular circumstance.

Norton.

Mensis Februarii die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [1] septimo, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de [2] Norton Domino Hugoni Smythe, per resignationem Domini Symonis Wilde, ultimi Vicarii ibidem. A.D. 1468. Collation to the Vicarage of Norton.

Littera Absolutionis super Excommunicato.

Letter of the Abbot, signifying the absolution of an excommunicated person.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ nostræ pervenerint, salutem in Eo de Cujus latere salus universæ saliit creaturæ. Quia sancta Mater Ecclesia pœnitentibus se debet exhibere propitiam et benignam, nec cuiquam ab erroris devio ad viam veritatis claudere gremium redeunti, notum vobis facimus per præsentes, quod nos Johannem Grene, de Baldok, Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, pro violenta manuum injectione in quemdam [4] presbyterum, Dominum Johannem Clapham, Vicarium de Norton, apud Norton, infra jurisdictionem nostram exemptam, perpetratà, sententia excommunicationis innodatum, qui, sano concilio doctus quod male in ea parte egit, cupiens et [5] affectans pro suis demeritis veniam petere, et ad nostram [6] discretionem pœnitentiam agere, sibi injungendam,—quam pœnitentiam, ut filius ecclesiæ obediens et devotus, bene et fideliter peregit,— et hoc testamur, et ipsum pro absoluto in ea causa per præsentes plenarie declaramus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum fecimus

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[1] A.D. 1468, according to the present reckoning.
[2] In Hertfordshire.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *presbiterum* in MS.
[5] *effectans* in MS.
[6] *discrescionem* in MS.

A.D. 1467. " apponi. Data in monasterio nostro prædicto, *et* " *cætera.*"[1]

Manumissio.

Manumission of a born bondman.

Mensis Octobris die tricesimo primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas manumisit, et liberum fecit, Johannem Geffis, de Greneburgh, sub litteris suis patentibus, sigillis dicti Abbatis et Conventus sigillatis, et [2] totam sequelam suam, procreatam et procreandam, modo et forma prout reperies in [3] undecimo folio a capite hujus libri computando.

Idelestre.

Collation to the Rectory of Idelestre.

Mensis Novembris die primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, data fuit collatio Domino Thomæ William, Capellano, ad Rectoriam de [4] Idelestre; vacantem per resignationem Domini Johannis Wynes, immediate Rectoris ibidem.

Litteræ patentes missæ ab Abbate de Eynesham ad visitandum Monasterium Sancti Albani.

Letter of the Abbot of Eynesham, signifying his approaching Visitation of the Abbey of St. Alban's.

" Venerabili et religioso viro, Domino Abbati Monas-
" terii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lin-
" colniensis [5] Diœcesis, Frater [6] Robertus, permissione
" divina, Abbas Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Virginis de
" Eynesham, Ordinis et [5] Diœcesis prædictorum, salutem
" in Eo Qui est omnium vera salus. Nuper in Capi-
" tulo nostro Provinciali, apud Northamptonam cele-

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[1] A hand, drawn in the margin, calls attention to this entry.

[2] A word is apparently erased before this.

[3] A leaf of the Register in its original state, and included in the part now lost.

[4] Now Elstree, or Idlestree, in Hertfordshire.

[5] *Diocesis* in MS.

[6] Robert Faryngdone.

" brato, eramus deputati omnium Monasteriorum et A.D. 1468.
" aliorum locorum religiosorum nostri Ordinis, in dicta
" Lincolniensi [1] Dicœcesi existentium, Visitator; quo-
" circa, vicesimo die mensis Aprilis, ad vestrum monas-
" terium, causa Visitationis exercendæ, favente Altissimo,
" intendimus [2] declinare, et vestrum monasterium in
" personis et rebus, juxta juris exigentiam, visitare,
" prout poterimus, et tenemur. Vobis igitur committi-
" mus et mandamus, quatinus omnes et singulos ves-
" tros commonachos, confratres et conversos, cæterosque
" qui solent, seu debent, ex causa hujusmodi convocari,
" de Visitatione nostra prædicta, ejusdemque Visitatio-
" nis die et loco, faciatis celeriter præmuniri; ut, præ-
" muniti, se præparent, Visitationem nostram hujusmodi
" canonice admissuri. Nos etiam de præmissis vos præ-
" munimus, atque peremptorie citamus, eosdemque per
" vos citari volumus et mandamus, quatinus dicto die,
" cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium,
" si oporteat, in Domo Capitulari vestri monasterii
" coram nobis, seu nostris in hac parte Commissariis,
" personaliter compareatis, et compareant, Visitationem
" nostram hujusmodi, juxta canonicas sanctiones, humi-
" liter subituri; ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod
" officium Visitationis hujusmodi exigit et requirit, ac
" etiam juri consonum fuerit, et rationi. Vobis igitur,
" Domino Abbati prædicto, tenore præsentium, inhibe-
" mus, et, per vos, omnibus et singulis commonachis et
" confratribus vestris prædictis inhiberi volumus et
" mandamus, ne in præjudicium Visitationis hujusmodi
" faciendum quicquam indebite vel illicite [3] attentetis
" [4] quomodolibet, vel [5] attentent, faciatis, seu faciant, ali-
" qualiter [6] attentari, quominus Visitationem nostram

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[1] *Diocesi* in MS.
[2] Originally written "*declarare*;" but, apparently, somewhat altered.
[3] *attemptetis* in MS.
[4] *quomodolt* in MS.
[5] *attemptent* in MS.
[6] *attemptari* in MS.

A.D. 1468. " hujusmodi, prout canonicæ dictaverint sanctiones,
" libere poterimus exercere. De die vero receptionis
" præsentium, et quid feceritis in præmissis, necnon de
" nomine vestro, et nominibus et cognominibus præmu-
" nitorum et citatorum hujusmodi, dictis die et loco
" distincte et aperte nos, vel nostros in hac parte Com-
" missarios, certificari curetis, per litteras vestras pa-
" tentes, harum seriem continentes. Data sub sigillo
" nostro, apud Eynesham prædictam, vicesimo nono die
" mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quadringen-
" tesimo sexagesimo octavo."

Certificatorium super Litteris supradictis.

Certificate by the Abbot of St. Alban's, as to the receipt of the preceding Letter.

" Reverendo in [1] Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Roberto, permissione divina, Abbati Monasterii Beatæ
" Mariæ de Eynesham, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lin-
" colniensis [2] Diœcesis, ejusve Commissario seu Com-
" missariis quibuscunque, omnium Monasteriorum ac
" aliorum locorum religiosorum ejusdem Ordinis, in
" dicta [3] Diœcesi existentium, in ultimo Capitulo Pro-
" vinciali dicti Ordinis, apud Northamptonam celebrato,
" a Præsidentibus ejusdem Capituli Visitatori deputato,
" Willelmus, eadem permissione, Abbas Monasterii Sancti
" Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Diœ-
" cesis, Sacrosanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ [4] immediate sub-
" jecti, obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem, debitas
" tanto patri, cum omni promptitudine complacendi.
" Litteras vestras mandatorias, primo die mensis Aprilis
" anni jam instantis, in hiis recepimus, quæ hic subse-
" quuntur, verbis. — 'Venerabili et religioso viro,' *ut*
" *supra.* Cujus auctoritate mandati, omnes et singulos
" commonachos nostros, et confratres, qui solent, seu
" debent, ex hujusmodi causa convocari, præmuniri

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[1] *Cristo* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *Diocesi* in MS.
[4] *imediate* in MS.

" fecimus, et citari, quatinus dictis die et loco, cum A.D. 1468.
" continuatione et prorogatione dierum tunc sequen-
" tium, in Domo nostra Capitulari compareant. Ac
" nos, favente Deo, dictis die et loco personaliter com-
" parebimus, Visitationem vestram hujusmodi humiliter
" subituri ; ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod, secun-
" dum negotii qualitatem, juri fuerit congruum, et con-
" sonum rationi. Nomina vero, et cognomina, per nos
" in hac parte citatorum, in scedula præsentibus annexa,
" in serie [1] continentur ; et sic mandatum vestrum fui-
" mus in omnibus obedienter executi. Data sub sigillo
" nostro, in dicto nostro monasterio de Sancto Albano,
" octavo-decimo die supradicti mensis Aprilis, anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo oc-
" tavo."

Confirmatio facta per Dominum Abbatem et Conventum Johanni Crofte, et Aliciæ, uxori suæ, super litteris [2] patentibus eisdem Johanni et Aliciæ per Priorem et Conventum, ad terminum vitæ eorundem, et utriusque ipsorum diutius viventis, de Hatfeld Peverell, concessis.

Confirmation, by the Abbot and Convent of St. Alban's, of a grant made to John and Alice Crofte, by the Prior and Convent of the Call of Hatfeld Peverell.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsentes lit-
" teræ pervenerint, Willelmus, permissione divina, Ab-
" bas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem
" loci Conventus, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnien-
" sis [3] Diœcesis, Sacrosanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ imme-
" diate subjecti, salutem in Salvatore sæculorum. Cum
" nos alias dilecto Fratri et Commonacho nostro, Do-
" mino Johanni Thorntone, Priori nostro Cellæ nostræ
" de Hatfeld Peverell, in Comitatu Essexiæ, et ejusdem
" loci Conventui, ad concedendum Johanni Crofte, et
" Aliciæ, uxori suæ, ad terminum vitæ eorundem Jo-

[1] *continetur* in MS.
[2] *Pautentibus* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

A.D. 1468. " hannis et Aliciæ, et utriusque ipsorum diutius viven-
" tis, quoddam corrodium panis, [1] cervisiæ, carnium,
" piscium, et hujusmodi, cum quadam mansione, et
" gardino, cum suis pertinentiis, prout in litteris paten-
" tibus dictorum Prioris et Conventus plenius contine-
" tur, licentiam concesserimus, potestatemque, quantum
" in nobis fuit, sub litteris nostris patentibus, signeto
" nostro signatis, in Domino dederimus specialem ;
" sciatis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum, litteras
" patentes sub sigillo [2] communi prædictorum Prioris
" et Conventus, quarum datæ sunt apud Hatfeld præ-
" dictam vicesimo quarto die mensis Octobris, et vice-
" simo septimo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini
" millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, et
" anno regni Regis Edwardi, Quarti post Conquæstum,
" septimo, inspexisse, legisse, et plenius intellexisse.
" Quarum auctoritate litterarum, nos, præfati Abbas et
" Conventus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, dictam
" concessionem corrodii supradicti, ac omnes et omni-
" modas conventiones inter præfatos Priorem et Con-
" ventum et dictum Johannem Croft et Aliciam, uxorem
" suam, dictum corrodium, seu aliquam ejusdem partem
" tangentes, prout in dictis litteris continetur, præfato
" Johanni Crofte et Aliciæ, uxori suæ, et utrique
" eorum diutius viventi, virtute litterarum nostrarum
" prædictarum, factarum et sigillatarum, ratificamus,
" approbamus, et confirmamus ; ac robur firmitatis
" temporibus futuris, ut præmittitur, obtinere sanximus
" et stabilimus per præsentes. In cujus rei testimo-
" nium, Sigillum nostrum ad Causas hiis nostris litteris
" patentibus fecimus apponi. Data in Monasterio nos-
" tro de Sancto Albano prædicto, vicesimo die mensis
" Maii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sex-
" agesimo octavo."

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[1] *servisiæ* in MS. | [2] *comune* in MS.

Resignatio Domini Willelmi Tyler, Vicarii de Sandrug. A.D. 1468.

Resignation of William Tyler, Vicar of Sandrugge.

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, Reverendo " in [1]Christo Patre et Domino, Domino Willelmo, Dei " gratia, Abbate exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, " Lincolniensis [2]Diœcesis, et hiis testibus, hic præsen- " tibus, ego, Willelmus Tyler, Vicarius perpetuus Ec- " clesiæ Parochialis de Sandrugge, a cura animarum et " solicitudine vicariæ et ecclesiæ meæ prædictæ exo- " nerari cupiens, et absolvi, ipsam vicariam meam, cum " omnibus suis juribus, et pertinentiis universis, in ves- " tras sacras manus, cui collatio et institutio ejusdem " noscitur pertinere, pure, libere, sponte, et expresse, " resigno, ab eademque, et ejus possessione, recedo, in " hiis scriptis. Testibus, Magistris Roberto Stodeley et " Waltero Bedlow, Notariis, vocatis ad hæc specialiter, " et rogatis."

Resignatio Domini Thomæ Thikthorp, Vicarii de Newenham.

Resignation of Thomas Thikthorp, Vicar of Newenham.

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, Reverendo in " [1]Christo Patre et Domino, Domino Willelmo, Dei " gratia, Abbate exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, " Lincolniensis [2]Diœcesis, et testibus hic præsentibus, " ego, Thomas Thikthorp, Vicarius perpetuus Ecclesiæ " Parochialis de [3]Newenham, a cura animarum et so- " licitudine vicariæ et ecclesiæ [4]meæ prædictæ exo- " nerari cupiens, et absolvi, ipsam vicariam meam, " cum omnibus suis juribus, et pertinentiis universis, " in vestras sacras manus, cui collatio et institutio " ejusdem dinoscitur pertinere, pure, libere, sponte, et " expresse, resigno, per præsentes. Testibus, Magistris " Roberto [5]S., et Waltero [6]B., Notariis *et cætera.*"

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[1] *Cristo* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] Newnham, in Hertfordshire.
[4] *me* in MS.
[5] For " *Stodeley.*"
[6] *Bedlow*, as above.

A.D. 1468.

Sanderudge.

Nomination to the Vicarage of St. Leonard, at Sandrugge.

Mensis Augusti die decimo-tertio, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo octavo, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Leonardi de [1] Sandrugg Domino Thomæ Thikthorp, Capellano, vacans per liberam resignationem Domini Willelmi Tyler, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione sexaginta et quatuor solidorum octo denariorum.

Vicarii Sancti Stephani.

Nomination to the Vicarage of St. Stephen, at St. Alban's.

Mensis Decembris die octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo octavo, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Stephani Domino Thomæ Alwynne, in Artibus Magistro, per liberam resignationem Domini Edmundi Nortone, ultimi adtunc Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione *et cætera.*

Brantefelde.

Presentation to the Rectory of Brantfeld. A.D. 1469.

Mensis Februarii die quinto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [2] octavo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Hugonem Phelyp, Rectorem de [3] Ripton Regis, Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, admittendum ad Rectoriam de [5] Brantfeld, dictæ Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, per viam permutationis factæ inter Dominum Thomam Baker et dictum Dominum Hugonem, modo et forma, prout reperies [6] vicesimo quinto folio, ab isto [7] retrorsum computando;

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[1] Sandridge, in Hertfordshire.

[2] 1469, according to the present mode of reckoning.

[3] King's Ripton, in Huntingdonshire.

[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

[5] Braintfield, in Hertfordshire.

[6] This leaf is wanting; the present being the 20th only of the volume, in its present condition.

[7] *retrossum* in MS.

salva annua pensione duorum solidorum annuatim per- A.D. 1469.
solvenda *et cætera.*—[1] Annua pensio sunt duo solidi.

Newenham.

Collation to the Vicarage of Newenham.

Mensis Februarii die vicesimo quarto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [2] octavo, data fuit collatio Vicariæ de Newenham Domino Roberto Busterd, per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Thikthorp, ultimi Vicarii ibidem.

Wyngrave.

Presentation to the Rectory of Wyngrave.

Mensis Februarii die vicesimo quarto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [2] octavo, præsentatus fuit Dominus Ricardus Formby, Capellanus, Domino Johanni, Lincolniensi Episcopo, admittendus ad Rectoriam de [3] Wyngrave, per mortem Domini Johannis Riche, ultimi Rectoris ibidem.

Vicaria Sancti Michaelis.

Nomination to the Vicarage of St. Michael, near St. Alban's, of John Garnet, formerly a poor boy.

Mensis Aprilis die quinto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo nono, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Michaelis, juxta Sanctum Albanum, Johanni Garnet, Clerico, post mortem Magistri Willelmi Pope, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; qui quidem Johannes puer pauperculus fuerat Domino Willelmo Abbati, dummodo dignitatem Prioris occupaverat, per multos annos. Et postmodum, cum ad perfectam ætatem pervenerat, ad Universitatem Oxoniæ, causa studendi, destinabat, et, virtutibus suis exigentibus, ad dictam Vicariam promovebat; salva annua pensione centum solidorum.[4]

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[1] This is added in another hand and ink; the previous number being indistinct.

[2] A.D. 1469, according to the present reckoning.

[3] Wingrave, in Buckinghamshire.

[4] A hand, drawn in the margin, calls attention to this entry.

A.D. 1469.

Manumissio.

Manumission of a born bondman.

Mensis Aprilis die sexto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo nono, Dominus Abbas manumisit, et ab omni jugo servitutis, villenagii, et bondagii, liberavit, Johannem Bocher, de [1] Coblington, nuper filium Willelmi Bochere, de dominio de Astone Abbatis nativum, cum tota sequela sua, procreata seu procreanda; sub litteris suis patentibus, signatis tam sigillo Abbatis quam Conventus.[2]

Litteræ Dimissoriæ pro ordinibus suscipiendis.

Letters Dimissory granted to the Vicar of St. Michael's.

"Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, "Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo "medio, pertinentis, dilecto nobis in [4] Christo, Johanni "Garnet, Clerico, Vicario Sancti Michaelis, infra nos"tram jurisdictionem exemptam, in prima tonsura cle"ricali constituto, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. "Ut a quocunque Episcopo Catholico, liberam sui "officii executionem obtinente, et vobis sacras manus "imponere volente, ad omnes minores ordines quos "nondum executi fueritis, et ad omnes sacros ordines, "cum ad illos, infra nostram jurisdictionem prædictam, "suscipiendum perveneritis, quos, tam litteratura, quam "moribus et ætate, novimus præfatos ordines suscipi"endos habiles fore, et capaces, ad titulum dicti vestri "beneficii licere valeatis promoveri, eo non obstante, "quod in nostra exempta jurisdictione prædicta bene"ficiatus extiteritis, aliudque canonicum non obsistat; "tam hujusmodi Episcopo vobis conferendi, quam vobis "ab eodem ordines supradictos recipiendi, licentiam

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[1] Now Cublington, near Aylesbury, in Buckinghamshire.

[2] There is no sum, as a fee, entered against this manumission.

[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

[4] *Cristo* in MS. As to J. Garnet, see the preceding page.

" concedimus, et liberam facultatem. Data in dicto A.D. 1469.
" nostro monasterio, nostro sub sigillo, mensis Septem-
" bris die vicesimo tertio, anno Domini millesimo
" quadringentesimo sexagesimo nono."

Litteræ Ordinum pro [1] *Acolyto faciendo.*

" [2] Johannes, permissione divina, Landavensis Epi- Letters of Ordination by the Bishop of Landaff to the order of Sub-deacon.
" scopus, notum facimus universis, quod nos, die [3] Sabbati
" Quatuor Temporum proximo post Festum Exalta-
" tionis Sanctæ Crucis, videlicet, vicesimo tertio die
" Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" sexagesimo nono, in Monasterio Sancti Albani, ex
" licentia venerabilis in [4] Christo Patris, Domini Wil-
" lelmi, ejusdem monasterii Abbatis, sacros ordines cele-
" brantes, dilectum nobis in [4] Christo filium, Johannem
" Garnet, Lincolniensis [5] Diœcesis, [6] acolytum, ad titulum
" Vicariæ suæ Sancti Michaelis, juxta Sanctum Al-
" banum, dictæ Lincolniensis [5] Diœcesis, de quo re-
" putavit se contentum, in Subdiaconum canonice ordi-
" nari fecimus. In cujus rei testimonium, litteras nostras
" eidem fieri fecimus has patentes. Data sub sigillo
" nostro, die, loco, et anno Domini, supradictis, et nostræ
" consecrationis anno undecimo."

Certificatorium missum Domino Regi, ad habendum Breve de Significavit pro Excommunicata.

" Excellentissimo Principi et Domino nostro, Domino Certificate sent to the King, praying for the caption of an excommunicated person.
" Edwardo, Dei gratia, Regi Angliæ et Franciæ, ac
" Domino Hiberniæ, vester devotus orator et Capel-
" lanus, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Lincolniensis [5] Diœcesis,
" nullo medio, Sedi Apostolicæ subditi, [7] nec subjecti,

[1] *Accolito* in MS.
[2] John Marshal.
[3] Saturday in the Ember Days.
[4] *Cristo* in MS.
[5] *Diocesis* in MS.
[6] *accolitum* in MS.
[7] This passage is, apparently, incomplete.

A.D. 1470. " vestrorum regnorum regimen, secundum juris trami-
" tem, diutinis temporibus in pacis [1] pulchritudine
" feliciter gubernare. Excellentissimæ vestræ regiæ
" [2] Majestati significo per præsentes, quod Margareta
" Lucas, de Barnet, meæ jurisdictionis subdita et sub-
" jecta, propter suas multiplices et manifestas con-
" tumacias, et ostensas, in non parendo monitionibus
" et mandatis Ecclesiæ, [3] legitime sibi factis, fuit et
" est, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, Majoris Excommuni-
" cationis sententia canonice innodata, et pro sic ex-
" communicata publice et [4] solemniter denunciata. In
" qua quidem excommunicationis sententia per quad-
" raginta dies et amplius perseveraverit, et adhuc per-
" severat, animo [5] pertinaciter indurato, claves Sanctæ
" Matris Ecclesiæ [6] contemnendo. Cum igitur Sancta
" Mater Ecclesia non habeat ulterius quid faciat in
" præmissis, [7] Majestatem vestram regiam deprecor
" humiliter, quod faciat in præmissis, quatinus pro dictæ
" Margaretæ Lucas, excommunicatæ, corporis captione
" scribere dignetur vestra regia [8] Celsitudo prælibata,
" ut quam Dei timor sponte a malo non revocat,
" severitas [9] coerceat custodiæ carceralis. In cujus rei
" testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus apposui.
" Data in Monasterio Sancti Albani prædicti, decimo
" die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo sexagesimo nono."

[10] *Certificarium missum Baronibus et Thesaurario de Scaccario, de collectoribus pro decimis colligendis.*

Certificate to the Treasurer

" Honorabilibus et dilectis viris, Thesaurario et Ba-
" ronibus de Scaccario Domini nostri Regis, Willelmus,

[1] *pulcritudine* in MS.
[2] *Magestati* in MS.
[3] *legittime* in MS.
[4] *solempniter* in MS.
[5] *partinaciter* in MS.
[6] *contempnendo* in MS.
[7] *Magestatem* in MS.
[8] *Celcitudo* in MS.
[9] *coherceat* in MS.
[10] Sic in MS.

" permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti
" Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1]Diœ-
" cesis, et ejusdem monasterii, exemptæ jurisdictionis,
" Ordinarius, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Breve
" regium, præsentibus consutum, vicesimo septimo die
" mensis Octobris ultimo præteriti, recepimus, cum ea
" qua decuit reverentia. Cujus brevis prætextu, Do-
" minum Thomam Albon, confratrem et commonachum
" nostrum, ac dicti nostri monasterii Cellerarium, ad
" unam integram decimam de quibuscunque beneficiis
" et possessionibus ecclesiasticis dictæ nostræ jurisdic-
" tionis exemptæ, taxatis juxta formam concessionis
" hujusmodi, levandum et colligendum, terminisque in
" dicto [2]brevi contentis fideliter solvendum et respon-
" dendum, assignavimus et deputavimus collectorem.
" Sunt infra jurisdictionem nostram supradictam bona,
" beneficia, et possessiones, pauperum religiosorum, et
" pauperum monialium, ac aliorum pauperum et pio-
" rum locorum, quorum loca, bona, beneficia, et pos-
" sessiones, per incendium, ruinam, guerram, et alios
" casus fortuitos, destructa et nimium [3]depauperata
" existunt, a solutione dictæ decimæ exempta et me-
" rito excusanda, videlicet:—Prioratus de Walingford,
" Hospitale [4]Presbyterorum et Leprosorum Sancti Ju-
" liani, juxta Sanctum Albanum, Monialium de Marke-
" yate, de Pratis, et de Sopwelle; sunt etiam infra
" dictam nostram jurisdictionem quædam beneficia ec-
" clesiastica curata, taxata, et ad decimam solvere
" consueta, non appropriata, quorum verus valor an-
" nuus modernis temporibus infra summam duodecim
" marcarum existit, seu annuatim ad summam duode-
" cim marcarum se extendit, et non ultra; in quibus
" ipsorum beneficiorum Rectores, seu Vicarii, residen-
" tiam faciunt personalem, de solutione dictæ decimæ

A.D. 1470. and Barons of the King's Exchequer, of the appointment by the Abbot of a collector of the King's tenths.

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *breve* in MS.
[3] *depaupertata* in MS.
[4] *Presbiterorum* in MS.

A.D. 1470. " similiter exempti, et merito excusandi, videlicet :—
" ecclesia de [1] Hertisheued, Vicaria ecclesiæ Sancti Pe-
" tri in villa de Sancto Albano, Vicaria ecclesiæ Beatæ
" Mariæ de Watforde. Beneficia vero non taxata infra
" dictam nostram jurisdictionem nulla habentur. In
" cujus rei *et cætera.*"

Leccheworth.

Presentation, by way of exchange, to the Rectory of Leyghtone Bussard.

Mensis Martii die octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo [2] nono, præsentatus fuit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominus Johannes Ippyng, Rector de Leccheworthe, ad [3] instituendum et inducendum in Rectoriam de Leyghtone Bussard, per viam permutationis factæ [4] inter ipsum Rectorem et Dominum Thomam Wyrly, Vicarium ; salva annua pensione Monasterio Sancti Albani ab eadem Rectoria tresdecim solidorum quatuor denariorum.

Idelestree.

Nomination to the Rectory of Idelestre.

Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, data fuit Rectoria de [5] Idelestre Domino Henrico Spenser, Capellano, per mortem Domini Thomæ William, ultimi Rectoris ibidem.

Walyngton.

Presentation to the Rectory of Walington.

Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, Dominus Oliverus Wylle, Capellanus, præsentatus fuit Episcopo Lincolniensi, admittendus ad Rectoriam de Walington, per mortem Domini Willelmi Cornysshe ; salva annua pensione tresdecim solidorum quatuor denariorum.

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[1] The word "*Nota*" is placed against this, in the margin, in a hand of the 17th century.

[2] A.D. 1470, according to the present reckoning.

[3] *instuendum* in MS.

[4] *in* in MS.

[5] Elstice, or Idelestree, in Hertfordshire.

Licentia concessa Monacho ad peregrinandum, usque ad tempus. A.D. 1470.

Leave granted to a monk of St. Alban's to visit the holy relics at Cologne.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo " medio, pertinentis, omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ " pervenerint, salutem. Noverit universitas vestra, dilectum confratrem nostrum in Christo, Dominum " Humfridum Curteys, commonachum nostrum in dicto " nostro monasterio professum, non excommunicatum " non apostasia, nec alio crimine, penes nos irretitum, " [2] sed bene morigeratum, et in congregatione nostra " laudabiliter conversatum, pro negotiis suis duntaxat " animam tangentibus, sacras reliquias in civitate Co- " loniæ visitandum et expediendum, ad dictam civi- " tatem transire licentiamus ; sic quod citra Festum " Omnium Sanctorum proxime [3] sequens post datam " præsentium reveniat ad dictum monasterium nos- " trum, si [4] commode poterit, sub pœna excommunica- " tionis. In cujus rei testimonium, eidem Humfrido, " confratri et commonacho nostro, has litteras nostras " testimoniales, sigillo nostro signatas, super præmissis " fieri fecimus patentes. Data *et cætera* millesimo " quadringentesimo septuagesimo."

Professio Monachorum.

Profession made by monks of Bynham, at St. Alban's.

Memorandum, quod in die Mercurii, vicesimo die, videlicet, Junii, quæ erat Vigilia Corporis [5] Christi, et etiam Vigilia Vigiliæ Sancti Albani, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, Dominus Andreas Derloue et Dominus Thomas Bynham, monachi Prioratus

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *set* in MS.
[3] *sequent* in MS.
[4] *comode* in MS.
[5] *Cristi* in MS.

A.D. 1470. de Bynham, in Northfolchia, professi fuerunt in Capella Domini Willelmi Abbatis; Domino Willelmo Abbate tunc Missam ibidem voce submissa celebrante, in pontificalibus.

Receptio Monachorum.

Admissions to the monastic habit.

Memorandum.—In die Translationis Sancti Benedicti, videlicet, undecimo die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, Johannes Bensted, generosus, filius Edwardi Bensted, Armigeri, adtunc vulgariter nuncupati "*Maister of the Game*," Johannes Henrethe, Johannes Strenger, Ricardus Chambre, Willelmus Andrew, et Willelmus Webbe, recepti fuerunt ad habitum monachalem, coram Willelmo Walingforde, Priore et Archidiacono Monasterii Sancti Albani, residente in Capitulo. Et dictus Johannes Bensted erat filiolus Johannis Newbury, Armigeri, adtunc Secretarii dicti Abbatis; et erat ætatis quindecim annorum, quando fuerat receptus.[1]

John Bensted, godson of John Newbury, 15 years of age.

Hextoune.

Nomination of John Launde to the Vicarage of Hextoune.

Mensis Maii die undecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, data fuit Vicaria de Hextoune Domino Johanni Launde, Capellano, per *et cætera*.

Titulus pro Ordinibus suscipiendis.

Title for orders given by the Prioress and Convent of St. Mary des Prez.

"Reverendis in [2] Christo Patribus ac Dominis, Do-
" minis Archiepiscopis, et Episcopis universis et singu-
" lis, ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint, Isabella,
" Priorissa Dominæ Beatæ Mariæ de Pratis, juxta
" Sanctum Albanum, et ejusdem loci Conventus, Lin-

[1] A hand, drawn in the margin, calls attention to this entry.

[2] *Cristo* in MS.

" colniensis [1] Diœcesis, omnimodas reverentias et ho- A.D. 1470.
" nores. Dilectum nobis in [2] Christo Robertum Hees,
" alias dictum 'Rylande,' de Comitatu Cestriæ, Liche-
" feldensis et Coventrensis [1] Diœcesis, Litteratum,
" de [3] legitimo [4] toro procreatum, de cujus vita et con-
" versatione, in quantum nobis licet, testimonium
" laudabile perhibemus, ad omnes sacros ordines, et ad
" titulum Dominæ nostræ prædictæ promovendum,
" vobis humiliter præsentamus per præsentes. In cujus
" rei testimonium, sigillum [5] commune Dominæ nostræ
" prædictæ præsentibus apposuimus. Data in Domo
" Capitulari Dominæ nostræ supradictæ, septimo die
" mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo quadringen-
" tesimo septuagesimo."

Stanmer Magna.

Presentation to the Rectory of Stanmere Magna, at the nomination of George Nevelle, Archbishop of York.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo secundo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Londoniensi Dominum Willelmum Singeltone, Capellanum Venerabilis in Christo Patris et Domini, Domini Georgii Nevelle, Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, ad inducendum in Rectoriam de [6] Stanmer Magna, per liberam resignationem Domini Willelmi Tregori, ultimi Rectoris ibidem: salva annua pensione viginti solidorum. Cujus quidem Rectoriæ vacationem Dominus Abbas Johannes Whethamsted concessit eidem venerabili patri, cum vacare contigerit, modo et forma prout reperies in septimo-decimo [7] folio ab isto retrorsum computando.—

Virtute quarum litterarum, idem venerabilis pater præsentavit et nominavit Domino Abbati Willelmo, moderno, prædictum Dompnum Willelmum Syngeltone,

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] *legittimo* in MS.
[4] *thoro* in MS.
[5] *comune* in MS.
[6] Great Stanmore, in Middlesex.
[7] See p. 21 *ante*.

A.D. 1470. sub hiis litteris patentibus ; quarum tenor sequitur, in hæc verba.[1]—

Nominatio Rectoris de Stanmer Magna, per Dominum Archiepiscopum Eboracensem.

Formal nomination of his chaplain to the Rectory of Stanmere Magna, by the Archbishop of York.

" Georgius, permissione divina, Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, Angliæ Primas et Apostolicæ Sedis Legatus, " Venerabili in [2] Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino " Willelmo, Dei gratia, Abbati exempti Monasterii " Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, salutem et " continuum fraternæ dilectionis incrementum. Cum " nominatio cujuscunque personæ [3] idoneæ ad Ecclesiam " Parochialem, sive Rectoriam, de Stanmer Magna, Londoniensis [4] Diœcesis, cum primo, quacunque de causa, " vacare contigerit, unica vice tantum, ad nos [5] pertinet, sive spectat; ita quod bene liceat nobis, præfato " Georgio, quamcunque personam [6] idoneam ad dictam " ecclesiam, sive rectoriam, cum primo vacare contigerit, vobis nominare ; et quod teneamini personam " hujusmodi, sic per nos nominatam, et nullam aliam, " ad dictam ecclesiam, sive rectoriam, ad rogatum nostrum, unica vice tantum, admittere, ita quod postquam " nos, unica vice tantum, ut præfertur, aliquam personam [6] idoneam nominaverimus, et persona sic nominata ad eam præsentata fuerit, et admissa, extunc " jus patronatus et præsentationis ecclesiæ parochialis, " sive rectoriæ, prædictæ, ad vos et successores vestros " revertatur : — ad dictam igitur ecclesiam, sive rectoriam, de Stanmere Magna, per liberam resignationem " Domini Willelmi Tregory, ultimi Rectoris ejusdem, " vacantem, et ad nostram nominationem cujuscunque " [7] personæ [3] idoneæ, ad eadem ecclesiam per nos præ-

[1] A hand, in the margin, calls attention to this entry.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] *ydoneæ* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] See p. 21 *ante*.
[6] *ydoneam* in MS.
[7] *parsonæ* in MS.; perhaps intentionally, as meaning " parson."

" sentandæ, ut dicitur, [1] hac vice tantum, spectantem A.D. 1470.
" et pertinentem, dilectum nobis in [2] Christo, Dominum
" Willelmum Singelton, Capellanum nostrum, personam
" [3] idoneam, fraternitati vestræ, tenore præsentium,
" nominamus ; rogantes quatinus eundem Dominum
" Willelmum Syngelton ad dictam ecclesiam, sive rec-
" toriam, ad nominationem nostram, hac vice tantum,
" præsentare, cæteraque gratiose [4] peragere, quæ vestræ
" in hac parte incumbunt fraternitati, dignemini, cari-
" tatis intuitu. Data nostro sub sigillo, in manerio
" nostro de La Moore, juxta Rikmanysworthe, Lincolni-
" ensi [5] Diœcesi situato, vicesimo die mensis Augusti,
" anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septua-
" gesimo."

Manumissio.

Manumission of a born bondman and his five sons.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, Dominus Abbas manumisit, et liberum fecit ab omni jugo servitutis, villenagii, sive bondagii, Ricardum Frebregge, alias dictum "Thebregge," nativum suum de suo dominio de Sandrugg ; commorantem, tempore confectionis ejusdem manumissionis, in dominio suo de [6] Walden Abbatis, cum tota sequela sua, procreata et procreanda, *et cætera.*

Qui Ricardus quinque habuit filios, videlicet ;—Johannem, Ricardum, Thomam, Willelmum, et [7] Thomam ; quos Dominus Abbas liberavit et manumisit, non solum virtute manumissionis patris ipsorum, [8] sed ex sua gratia unicuique ipsorum, per se, litteras suas patentes, sigillis ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus sigillatas, concessit et liberavit, *et cætera :* undecimo die mensis

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[1] *hanc* in MS.
[2] *Cristo* in MS.
[3] *ydoneam* in MS.
[4] *paragere* in MS.
[5] *Diocesi* in MS.
[6] In Hertfordshire.
[7] Sic in MS., repeated.
[8] *set* in MS.

A.D. 1470. Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo.[1]

Sandrugge.

Nomination to the Vicarage of Sandrugge.

Mensis Octobris die duodecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Leonardi de Sandrugge Domino Jacobo Waleys, Capellano, vacans per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Thykthorp, Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione sexaginta quatuor solidorum octo denariorum.

Rudge.

Nomination to the Vicarage of Rudge.

Mensis Octobris die duodecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, data fuit Vicaria Sanctæ Margaretæ de [2] Rudge Domino Thomæ Thikthorp, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Jacobi Waleys, immediate Vicarii ibidem.

[3] *Responsio Domini Abbatis cuidam litteræ deprecatoriæ, missæ sibi a Janua.*

Letter of the Abbot of St. Alban's to Louisa, widow of Battista de Spinola, promising prayers for the soul of the deceased, a member of the fraternity.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii de
" Sancto Albano, Anglorum [4] Protomartyris, Ordinis
" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [5] Diœcesis, ad Roma-
" nam Ecclesiam immediate subjecti, præclaræ fœminæ,
" Lodixiæ, uxori nuper honorabilis viri Baptistæ de
" [6] Spynula, mercatoris de Janua, salutem in omnium
" Salvatore. Notum sit vobis quod recepimus nuper
" veram notitiam mortis mariti vestri, per Georgium
" de Spinula, filium vestrum, in civitate Londoniarum.

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[1] 10*s.* is entered against this article; probably the fee then paid.

[2] Now Ridge, in Hertfordshire, near Chipping Barnet.

[3] *Responcio* in MS.

[4] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

[5] *Diocesis* in MS.

[6] " *Spinula*," written in the margin, in a hand of the close of the 16th century.

" Unde immediate, per nuncium nostrum, ad hoc spe- A.D. 1470.
" cialiter deputatum, misimus nomen ejusdem Baptistæ
" ad universos religiosos, ac etiam religiosas, infra
" regnum Angliæ et Walliæ, ut et ipsi haberent dic-
" tum honorabilem virum in suis orationibus specialiter
" recommendatum. Ac insuper, scribi fecimus nomen
" ipsius in Libro nostro Obitario, reposito in majori
" [1] altari nostri monasterii, ubi indies habetur specialis
" memoria pro fratribus et sororibus nostris defunctis.
" Ac omnia alia fieri fecimus in monasterio nostro, ac
" in Cellis eidem annexis, quæ in Litteris Fraternitatis
" sibi concessis plenius continentur; similia pro vobis
" facturi, cum placuerit Altissimo animam vestram ab
" hujus mundi [2] incolatu ad se evocare. In cujus rei
" testimonium, præsentibus litteris sigillum nostrum
" apposuimus. Data in monasterio nostro prædicto,
" vicesimo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini mille-
" simo quadringentesimo septuagesimo."

Castrum Martini, in South Wallia.—Præsentatio facta Episcopo Menevensi pro Vicaria Castri Martini, juxta Pembroke, in South Wallia.

" Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino Formal
" [3] Roberto, permissione divina, Menevensi Episcopo, presenta-
" Willelmus, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, tion to the
" Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, Vicarage
" omnimodas reverentias, debito cum honore. Ad Vi- of Castle
" cariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Castro Martin,
" Martini, vestræ [4] Diœcesis, vacantem, et ad meam near Pem-
" collationem, ratione Prioratus de Monkton, prope broke.
" Pembroke, in South Wallia, pleno jure spectantem,
" Dominum Johannem Dole, Capellanum, Paternitati
" vestræ Reverendæ præsento; supplicans humiliter et

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[1] *altare* in MS.
[2] *incholatu* in MS.
[3] Robert Tully.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

A.D. 1470. " devote, quatinus dictum Dominum Johannem Dole
" ad eandem vicariam admittere, ac ipsum in eadem
" instituere canonice, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis
" universis, cæteraque [1] peragere quæ vestro in hac
" parte incumbunt officio pastorali, dignemini gratiose;
" jure, dignitate, et consuetudinibus, monasterii et
" prioratus meorum antedictorum, ab eadem vicaria
" debitis et consuetis, in omnibus semper salvis. Data
" Londoniis, in hospitio meo, vicesimo die mensis No-
" vembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" septuagesimo."

Præfixio Prioris de Pembroke.

Formal nomination of Ralph Roose to be Prior of St. Nicholas Monkton, at Pembroke. A.D. 1471.

" Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ
" pervenerint, Willelmus, miseratione divina, Abbas
" exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti
" Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, salutem in Domino
" sempiternam. Sciatis quod nos, de fidelitate et cir-
" cumspectione dilecti confratris nostri, Radulphi Roose,
" plenius confidentes, ipsum Radulphum [3] nostrum pro-
" curatorem, actorem, factorem, negotiorumque nostro-
" rum gestorem, et nuncium specialem, ac Priorem
" Prioratus nostri Sancti [4] Nicolai Monkton, Pembro-
" chiæ, Menevensis [2] Diœcesis, præfecimus, deputavimus,
" et ordinavimus; dantes et concedentes dicto confratri
" nostro plenam, tenore præsentium, potestatem nos-
" tram generalem, et mandatum speciale, ad petendum,
" colligendum, levandum, et recipiendum, vice et nomine
" nostris, omnes et singulas decimas, collectiones, red-
" ditus, exitus, proventus, et emolumenta quæcunque,
" dicto Prioratui nostro quovismodo spectantia, seu
" incumbentia; dictasque decimas, maneria quoque, et
" tenementa, eidem Prioratui pertinentia, ad firmam

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[1] *paragere* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *nostro*, apparently, in MS.
[4] *Nicholai* in MS.

" dimittendum et ponendum: in [1] Synodis etiam, et A.D. 1471.
" Capitulis, comparendum, alium, vel alios, loco suo sub-
" stituendum, salvo nobis et monasterio nostro præ-
" dicto annuatim fideli compoto, per dictum confratrem
" nostrum de statu Prioratus nostri faciendo; et pro
" defectu solutionis coram quibuscunque judicibus, jus-
" ticiariis, seu locorum ordinariis, quorum interest,
" per legis rigorem, implicitandum et prosequendum,
" agendum etiam, defendendum, et de receptis in hac
" parte habitis acquietancias dandum et faciendum;
" cæteraque omnia et singula agendum, faciendum, et
" expediendum, quæ in hac parte fuerint necessaria,
" seu quomodolibet [2] opportuna: ratum et gratum ha-
" bentes, et habituri, totum et [3] quicquid dictus Prior
" et confrater noster, ad opus et utilitatem monasterii
" nostri prædicti, et prioratus supradicti, fecerit in præ-
" missis; præsentibus ad nostrum beneplacitum dura-
" turis. In cujus rei testimonium *et cætera.* Data
" tricesimo Januarii, anno millesimo quadringentesimo
" septuagesimo."

Watforde.

Nomination to the Vicarage of Watforde, at the King's request.

Mensis Junii die decimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo primo, data fuit Vicaria de Watford Domino Willelmo Warner, ad instantiam litteræ missæ a Domino Rege, per mortem Magistri Johannis Madery, Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione duodecim marcarum, debita officio Coquinarii.

Eversdon Magna.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Eversdon Magna.

Mensis Martii die quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Willelmo Grey, Eliensi Episcopo, Domi-

[1] *Sinodis* in MS.
[2] *oportuna* in MS.
[3] *quicquit* in MS.

A.D. 1471. num Johannem Peyke, Capellanum, admittendum ad Vicariam de Eversdon Magna, vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Willelmi Crow, ultimi Vicarii ibidem.

Ordinatio Domini Radulphi Roose in Priorem Pembrochiæ.

[A repetition.] Universis et singulis *etc.*[1]

Abbotis Aston.

Nomination to the Vicarage of Abbot's Aston. A.D. 1472. Mensis Januarii die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [2] primo, data fuit Vicaria de Abbottis Aston, in Comitatu Bukenhamiæ, Domino Gylberto Stapulton, Capellano; vacans per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Alforde.

Brantefelde.

Presentation to the Rectory of Brantfelde; an exchange to be made, stopped short by the death of one of the parties to such exchange. A.D. 1472. Mensis Maii die quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo, facta fuit præsentatio Episcopo Lincolniensi, per viam permutationis inter Dominum Hugonem Phelips, Rectorem de Brantfelde, [3] Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, et Dominum Johannem Ingilton, Capellanum Cantariæ infra Ecclesiam Sancti Stephani in Colmanstrete, Londoniensis [4] Diœcesis; salva pensione duorum solidorum.

Ista præsentatio non valebat; quia dictus Johannes moriebatur, antequam ad Episcopum perveniebat.[5]

Myddylton Harnes.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Mensis Maii die quarto, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo, præsentatio facta

[1] The context is identical, *verbatim*, with the "*Præfixio Prioris de Pembroke*," previously given in pp. 96, 97, *ante*.

[2] A.D. 1472, according to the present mode of computation.

[3] *Lincoln* in MS.

[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

[5] Attention is called to this entry, by a hand drawn in the margin.

fuit [1] Lincolniensi Episcopo pro Domino Guydone Digille, ad Vicariam de [2] Mydylton Harnesse, per mortem Willelmi Gatys, ultimi Vicarii ibidem, vacantem, *et cætera.* A.D. 1472. Mydylton Harnesse.

Procuratorium ad excusandum Dominum Abbatem a Capitulo Provinciali, et cætera.

" Venerabilibus in Christo Patribus ac Dominis, " Dominis, Dei gratia, Capituli Generalis Ordinis Sancti " Benedicti Nigrorum Monachorum, in Anglia, Præsi- " dentibus, eorumve Commissariis seu loca tenentibus " quibuscunque, Frater Willelmus, divina miseratione, " Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, ejusdem " Ordinis, Lincolniensis [3] Dicœcesis, salutem, cum omni " obedientia et reverentia tantis patribus, debito cum " honore. Quia Capitulo vestro Provinciali, die Lunæ, " videlicet, primo die mensis Julii proximo jam in- " stanti, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum " tunc sequentium, apud Northamptonam celebrando, " ex mandato Domini nostri Regis Angliæ, ad interes- " sendum creationi Domini Edwardi, ipsius primogeniti, " in Principem Walliæ, necnon variis et [4] legitimis im- " pedimentis, et ecclesiæ nostræ negotiis supervenienti- " bus, multipliciter præpeditus, interesse [5] nequeo, Re- " verendum in Christo Patrem et Dominum, Dominum " Abbatem Westmonasteriensem, meum verum et [6] legi- " timum procuratorem, excusatorem, et nuncium spe- " cialem, ordino, facio, et constituo, per præsentes; " dans et concedens eidem procuratori meo potestatem " generalem et mandatum speciale, pro me, et nomine " meo, in dicto Capitulo vestro Provinciali, coram vobis, " vestrisve Commissariis, comparendi et interessendi, " causam seu causas absentiæ meæ, et impedimenta

Letter of Proxy of the Abbot of St. Alban's, appointing the Abbot of Westminster to represent him at next the Provincial Chapter of the Benedictines, the Abbot being summoned to attend at the creation of Edward, the King's son, as Prince of Wales. A.D. 1471.

[1] *Lincoln* in MS.
[2] Milton Ernest, in Bedfordshire.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *legittimis* in MS.
[5] *nequio* in MS.
[6] *legittimum* in MS.

A.D. 1471. " mei prædicta, allegandi et proponendi, ipsam causam,
" seu causas, fore veram, seu veras, in animam meam
" jurandi, ac etiam vobiscum, vestrisve Commissariis,
" et aliis prælatis, tunc et ibidem existentibus, de hiis
" quæ ibidem ad honorem Dei, cultus divini augmen-
" tationem et observationem regularem, contigerit
" ordinari, tractandi, et eisdem consentiendi; necnon
" omnia alia et singula faciendi, exercendi, et expediendi,
" quæ circa præmissa, vel præmissorum aliquid, neces-
" saria fuerint, vel [1] opportuna; promittens me gratum
" et ratum habiturum quicquid idem procurator meus,
" nomine meo, in præmissis duxerit faciendum, sub
" [2] hypotheca et obligatione omnium bonorum nostro-
" rum et monasterii nostri antedicti. Data vicesimo
" septimo die mensis Junii, anno millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo septuagesimo primo."

Raddewelle.

Presentation to the Rectory of Radwelle. A.D. 1471. Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo quarto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo primo, præsentatio facta fuit Domino Lincolniensi Episcopo pro Domino [3] Adæ Browne, Rectore de [4] Appisleygise, per viam permutationis factam inter ipsum Adam, Rectorem, et Dominum Thomam Dorlet, Rectorem de Radwelle.

Raddewelle.

Presentation to the Rectory of Radwelle. A.D. 1474. Mensis Martii die quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Ricardum Wylboule, ad Rectoriam de Radwelle, vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Adæ Browne, ultimi Rectoris ibidem.

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[1] *oportuna* in MS.
[2] *ypotheca* in MS.
[3] Sic in MS., meaning "Adam."
[4] In Hertfordshire.

Nortoune.

Mensis Junii die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo primo, data fuit Vicaria de [1] Norton Domino [2] Nicolao Brettune, Capellano; vacans per mortem Domini Hugonis Smyth, immediate Vicarii ibidem. Presentation to the Vicarage of Norton. A.D. 1471.

Idelestre.

Mensis Junii die octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo primo, data fuit Rectoria de Idelestre, per institutionem, Domino Malachiæ Koonyam, per liberam resignationem Domini Henrici Spenser, immediate Rectoris ibidem, [3] vacans. Institution in the Rectory of Idelestre. A.D. 1471.

Brantfeld.

Mensis Augusti die decimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Lincolniensi Episcopo Dominum Johannem Barnard ad Rectoriam de Brantfeld, vacantem per mortem Domini Hugonis Phelip, ultimi Rectoris ibidem; salva annua pensione duorum solidorum. Presentation to the Rectory of Brantfeld. A.D. 1472.

Brantfeld.

Mensis Aprilis die secundo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Lincolniensi Episcopo Dominum Johannem Myles, Capellanum, ad Rectoriam de Brantfeld, vacantem per mortem Domini Johannis Barnard, ultimi Rectoris ibidem; salva annua pensione duorum solidorum. Presentation to the Rectory of Brantfeld. A.D. 1473.

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[1] In Hertfordshire.

[2] *Nicholao* in MS.

[3] *vacantem* in MS.

Brantfeld.

Presentation to the Rectory of Brantfeld. A.D. 1473.

Mensis Decembris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, præsentatus fuit Domino Lincolniensi Episcopo Dominus Johannes Barnham ad Rectoriam de Brantfeld, per [1] liberam resignationem Domini Johannis Mylis, ultimi Rectoris ibidem; salva [2] pensione duorum solidorum, ut supra.

Sancti Michaelis in Hoggynlane.

Presentation to the Church of St. Michael, Hoggynlane, in London. A.D. 1473.

Mensis Maii die duodecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, [3] Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Londoniensi Magistrum Edmundum de See, in Theologia Bacallarium, admittendum Ecclesiæ Sancti Michaelis in Hoggynlane, Londoniensis [4] Diœcesis, per mortem ultimi incumbentis ibidem, et Rectoris.

Rectoria de Angulo.

Presentation to the Rectory of Angle, in South Wales. A.D. 1472.

Mensis Aprilis die decimo-septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo, præsentatio facta fuit Domino Roberto, Menevensi Episcopo, pro Magistro Alexandro Kyng; ipsum ad admittendum ad Rectoriam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Anglo, pertinentem Abbati de Sancto Albano, [5] Patrono Prioratus sui Sancti [6] Nicolai de Monktone, juxta Pembroke, in South Wallia; salva annua pensione viginti trium solidorum.

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[1] *mortem* stands before this word, with expunctory marks.
[2] *pencione* in MS.
[3] *Dns* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *Patrone* in MS.
[6] *Nicholai* in MS.

Littera Attornatoria pro Pembroke.

Letter of Attorney by the Abbot, appointing his agents in South Wales. A.D. 1470.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti " Monasterii Sancti Albani, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, " Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, [1] Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, " ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, " omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ nostræ pervene- " rint, salutem in Salvatore sæculorum. Noverit uni- " versitas vestra, quod nos fecimus, ordinavimus, et " constituimus, ac in loco nostro deputavimus et posui- " mus, dilectos nobis in Christo, Magistrum Johannem " Smyth, Archidiaconum Ecclesiæ Menevensis, et Tho- " mam Donne, de Pembroke, in Comitatu Pembrochiæ, " in partibus South Walliæ, nostros veros et [3] legiti- " mos attornatos, generales et speciales, ad petendum, " levandum, recuperandum, et recipiendum, vice et " nomine nostris, de quibuscunque debitoribus, firmariis, " ballivis, præpositis, receptoribus, et tenentibus, nostris " in Comitatibus South Walliæ prædictæ, omnia et " singula debita, denarios et denariorum summas, fruc- " tus, decimas, portiones, pensiones, et proventus, per " quemcunque, sive quoscunque, nobis ante datam præ- " sentium debitas, et [4] in posterum debendas, ratione " alicujus dimissionis terrarum, tenementorum, fruc- " tuum, decimarum, portionum, pensionum, et proven- " tuum, seu aliquarum aliarum rerum ad firmam præ " antea, ut dicitur, dimissarum, sive amodo per ipsos " dimittendarum, pertinentium Prioratui nostro Sancti " [5] Nicolai de Pembroke, seu ejusdem pertinentibus " aliquibus; dantes et concedentes eisdem attornatis " nostris, conjunctim et divisim, plenam potestatem " nostram, et mandatum speciale, versus omnes et sin- " gulos, versus quos, vel quem, actio spiritualis, sive " temporalis aut personalis, nobis dat sectam per legem,

[1] *Lincoln* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *legittimos* in MS.
[4] *imposterum* in MS.
[5] *Nicholai* in MS.

A.D. 1470. " nomine nostro, prosequendi et defendendi; ac quos-
" cunque debitores nostros, ac transgressores, arestandi
" et implicitandi, et in omnibus curiis et placitis, coram
" quibuscunque judicibus, ecclesiasticis sive temporali-
" bus, prosequendi et recuperandi; ac de receptis et
" recuperatis acquietancias faciendi; ac omnia alia et
" singula, quæ nobis et nostro monasterio erunt neces-
" saria, sive [1] opportuna, agendi, exercendi, et perim-
" plendi: ratum et gratum habentes, et habituri, quic-
" quid iidem attornati nostri fecerint, seu aliquis
" ipsorum nomine fecerit, procuraverint, seu procura-
" verit, in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum, adeo
" plene, præcise, et integre, prout nos [2] ipsi faceremus,
" si personaliter interessemus. In cujus rei testimonium,
" huic præsenti scripto nostro sigillum nostrum duxi-
" mus apponendum, ad nostrum beneplacitum duratu-
" rum. Data in dicto nostro monasterio Sancti Albani,
" decimo die mensis Februarii, anno regni Regis Ed-
" wardi Quarti nono, et anno Domini millesimo quad-
" ringentesimo sexagesimo [3] nono."

Vicaria Sancti Stephani.

Nomination to the Vicarage of St. Stephen's, near St. Alban's. A.D. 1473.

Mensis Octobris die vicesimo quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Stephani, juxta Sanctum Albanum, Domino Edmundo Norton, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Magistri Thomæ Aldewynne, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione.

Ratificatio Domini Abbatis super concessione Prioris de Bynham pro Vicaria de Dersyngham.

Ratification of the gift of the next presentation

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens
" scriptum pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina,
" Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis

[1] *oportuna* in MS.
[2] *ipse* in MS.
[3] A.D. 1470, according to the present mode of computation.

" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, ad Roma- to the Rectory of Dersyngham by the Prior and Convent of Bynham. A.D. 1471.
" nam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, salutem in
" Eo de Cujus latere salus universæ saliit creaturæ.
" Cum Dominus Willelmus Dyxwell, commonachus
" noster, et noster Prior Domus et Cellæ Prioratus
" nostri Beatæ Mariæ de Bynham, in Comitatu Norf-
" folchiæ, [2] concesserint et confirmaverint Thomæ
" Beverley, de villa de Sancto Albano, in Comitatu
" Hertfordiæ, proximam vacationem perpetuæ Vicariæ
" Sancti [3] Nicolai de [4] Dersyngham, in Comitatu præ-
" dicto, Norwicensis [1] Diœcesis, per suas litteras pa-
" tentes, sigillo [5] communi Domus et Cellæ ac Prioratus
" nostri supradicti signatas; cujus tenor sequitur, in
" hiis verbis:—

" 'Omnibus Christi fidelibus [6] ad quos præsens scrip-
" 'tum pervenerit, Willelmus Dixwell, Prior Domus et
" 'Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Bynham, in Comitatu
" 'Norfolchiæ, et ejusdem loci Conventus, proprietarii
" 'Parochialis Ecclesiæ Sancti [3] Nicolai de Dersingham,
" 'in Comitatu prædicto, Norwicensis [4] Diœcesis, ac
" 'perpetuæ Vicariæ ejusdem Parochialis Ecclesiæ veri
" 'patroni, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveri-
" 'tis nos, præfatos Priorem et Conventum, unanimi
" 'assensu et [7] consensu totius Capituli nostri, dedisse,
" 'concessisse, et hoc præsenti scripto nostro confir-
" 'masse, dilecto nobis in Christo, Thomæ Beverley,
" 'de villa de Sancto Albano, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ,
" 'advocationem, patronatum, et proximam præsenta-
" 'tionem, dictæ perpetuæ vicariæ ecclesiæ parochialis
" 'prædictæ, cum ipsam vicariam perpetuam, per mor-
" 'tem, cessionem, resignationem, dimissionem, priva-
" 'tionem, seu alium quemcunque modum, proximo

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.

[2] Sic in MS., in the plural; the words "*et ejusdem loci Conventus*" are probably omitted.

[3] *Nicholai* in MS.

[4] Dersingham, in Norfolk.

[5] *comune* in MS.

[6] These two words are repeated in MS.

[7] *concensu* in MS.

A.D. 1471. " ' vacare contigerit; habendum prædictam advocatio-
" ' nem, patronatum, et proximam præsentationem,
" ' præfato Thomæ Beverley, pro unica et proxima
" ' vacatione ejusdem vicariæ tantum: ita quod bene
" ' liceat eidem Thomæ personam [1] idoneam, quam vo-
" ' luerit, ad dictam perpetuam vicariam, cum proxime,
" ' ut prædicitur, vacaverit, [2] Diœcesano loci illius, seu
" ' alteri judici in ea parte competenti, præsentare,
" ' quousque una [3] idonea persona, ad præsentationem
" ' [4] ipsius Thomæ, causa hujusmodi proximæ vacatio-
" ' nis perpetuæ vicariæ prædictæ, tanquam perpetuus
" ' vicarius præfatæ parochialis ecclesiæ, ad ipsam per-
" ' petuam vicariam per ipsum [5] Diœcesanum, sive
" ' judicem competentem, [6] legitime fuerit admissus, ac
" ' in eadem perpetua vicaria, cum suis juribus et per-
" ' tinentiis universis, canonice institutus et inductus.
" ' In cujus rei testimonium, nos, iidem Prior et Con-
" ' ventus, sigillum commune Domus et Cellæ supra-
" ' dictæ huic præsenti scripto nostro apposuimus.
" ' Data in Domo Capitulari Prioratus supradicti, oc-
" ' tavo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo
" ' quadringentesimo septuagesimo primo :'—

" Sciatis nos, præfatum Abbatem, dictas litteras pa-
" tentes, in forma, ut supra, scriptas, et sigillo [7] com-
" muni Cellæ ac Prioratus nostri supradicti sigillatas,
" inspexisse, legisse, et plenius intellexisse; ac easdem,
" in forma ut supra, specificatas, scriptas, et concessas,
" confirmasse et ratificasse, per præsentes. In cujus
" rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est
" appensum. Data in Monasterio nostro de Sancto
" Albano, *et cætera.*"

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[1] *ydoneam* in MS.
[2] *Diocesano* in MS.
[3] *ydonea* in MS.
[4] This word is doubtful.
[5] *Diocesanum* in MS.
[6] *legittime* in MS.
[7] *commune* in MS.

Rasura Monachorum. A.D. 1474.

The tonsure conferred on several inmates of the Abbey of St. Alban's.

Penultimo die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, rasi fuerunt Thomas Bayly, Thomas Sudbury, et Adam Gelebrond.

Penultimo die Maii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, rasus fuit Robertus Nettylton, in Redborn oriundus.

Decimo-octavo mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, rasus fuit Willelmus Barone, in villa Sancti Albani natus.

Testificatio Domini Abbatis super [1] *Confessione cujusdam Willelmi Warner, pro materia matrimoniali.*

Attestation by the Abbot of a declaration made before him by William Warner, that there is no nuptial contract between him and Margaret Man.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo " medio, pertinentis, omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ " nostræ pervenerint, salutem in Eo Qui est Creator " omnium rerum. Sciatis quod duodecimo die mensis " Junii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, in manerio solitæ residentiæ nostræ, apud Tytenhangre, venit coram nobis quidam " Willelmus Warner, filius Johannis Warner, de Parochia de Aldenham, dictorum Comitatus et [2] Diœcesis, non [3] coactus, non compulsus, nec vi neque " metu ductus, [4] sed spontanea voluntate sua; et in " præsentia nostra, ac in præsentia Venerabilium subscriptorum, fatebatur ibidem, quod inter ipsum, præfatum Willelmum, et quamdam Margaretam, filiam " Willelmi Man, de Parochia Sancti Stephani, juxta " Sanctum Albanum, in dictis Comitatu et [5] Diœcesi,

[1] Apparently, " *Confestione.*"
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *choactus* in MS.
[4] *set* in MS.
[5] *Diocesi* in MS.

A.D. 1474. " nunquam fuerunt, neque sunt, tempore confectionis " præsentium, verba aliqua matrimonialia habita, pro- " lata, nec consummata; [1] sed quod tam ipse Willelmus " Warner, quam dicta Margareta Man, in quibuscunque " mundi partibus pervenire contigerint, gaudere pos- " sint, et quilibet ipsorum per se gaudere possit, bene- " ficio matrimoniali; non obstante quod per quosdam " æmulos contrarium fuit [2] publice promulgatum in " jurisdictione nostra. In cujus rei testimonium, ex " humili supplicatione dicti Willelmi, præsentibus sigil- " lum nostrum fecimus apponi. Hiis testibus, *et cætera.* " Data, *ut supra.*"

Commissio ad visitandum Monasterium de Glastonia.

Appointment, by the Abbot, of substitutes in his place, to visit the Monastery of Glastonbury.

" Willelmus, divina miseratione, Abbas exempti Mo- " nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, dilectis nobis in Christo " confratribus, Willelmo Hardewik, Sacræ Theologiæ " Bacallario, Priori Cellæ nostræ de Walingford, necnon " [4] Nicolao Boston, Cellerario nostro monasterii nostri " de Sancto Albano, nostris commonachis, salutem in " omnium Salvatore. Quia in ultimo Capitulo nostro " Provinciali, apud Northamptonam ultimò celebrato, " Visitator Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ de Glastonia, Ba- " thoniensis et Wellensis [3] Diœcesis, hac vice tantum, " eramus deputati; cum nos, propter diversa ardua " negotia, nos et dictum monasterium nostrum de " Sancto Albano tangentia, dictam Visitationem in " propria persona nostra adimplere non possumus, hinc " est quod cum nos, de vestris circumspectione, [5] dis- " cretione, et industria, plenius confidentes, ad visitan- " dum dictum monasterium de Glastonia, hac vice

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[1] *set* in MS.
[2] *puplice* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *Nicholao* in MS.
[5] *discrescione* in MS.

" tantum, ut præmittitur, personas, res, et bona, ejus- A.D. 1474.
" dem, juxta assignationem et præmunitionem nostras
" præmissas, et juris exigentiam, ac ejusdem Ordinis
" Statuta in hac parte edita, vices nostras committimus,
" cum cujuslibet [1] coercionis canonicæ potestate. In
" cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum
" fecimus apponi. Data in Monasterio nostro de Sancto
" Albano prædicto, vicesimo die mensis Maii, anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo
" quarto."

Commissio ad visitandum Curatos et Vicarios in Villa Sancti Albani.

Commission for the Visitation of the Curates and Vicars of St. Alban's. A.D. 1473.

" Willelmus, miseratu divino, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
" Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, dilectis nobis in Christo
" filiis et confratribus, Willelmo Walingforde, Priori et
" Archidiacono monasterii nostri prædicti, Magistro
" Johanni Peiton, Decretorum Doctori, Thomæ Albon,
" Cellerario, et Willelmo Newenham, ejusdem monas-
" terii nostri Sacristæ, salutem, gratiam, et benedictio-
" nem. Ad visitandum omnes Curatos et Vicarios
" Sancti Petri, Sancti Andreæ, Sancti Stephani, et
" Sancti Michaelis, villæ Sancti Albani, nostræ juris-
" dictionis, necnon ad inquirendum, per sacramentum
" sex vel octo virorum fidedignorum [3] bonæ nominis
" et famæ, de singulis Parochiis prædictis, de [4] statu
" dictorum Vicariorum et Curatorum, et quomodo se
" habent in curis; necnon de ipsorum excessibus, de-
" fectibus, et criminibus, quibuscunque, ac de et super
" comparticipibus in eadem Visitatione purgationes cano-
" nicas indicendis, et juramentum canonicum ab eisdem
" recipiendis; quia jam nos [5] [sumus] diversis et arduis

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[1] *choercionis* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] Sic in MS., in the feminine.
[4] *satu* in MS.
[5] Omitted in MS.

A.D. 1473. " negotiis præpediti, quominus hujusmodi Visitationis " officio valeamus interesse, vobis conjunctim et divi- " sim, de quorum circumspectione et industria plene in " Domino confidimus, ex auctoritate nostra Ordinaria, " tenore præsentium, committimus vices nostras ; [1] cor- " rectione omnium compertorum in eadem Visitatione " nobis reservata : omnibus prædictis Curatis et Vica- " riis, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, tenore præsentium, " firmiter injungentes, quod vobis, in omnibus quæ ad " hujusmodi Visitationis officium requiruntur, [2] vobis " pareant et obediant, cum effectu ; et, quantum cum " Domino possumus, [3] vobis in præmissis committimus " potestatem certificandi nobis distincte et [4] aperte in " scriptis, omni salubri festinatione, quod feceritis in " præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum. In cujus rei " testimonium, has litteras nostras patentes fieri feci- " mus, [5] [et] nostro sigillo consignari. Data in hospitio " nostro Londoniis, in [6] Wyngooselane in Tamystrete, " secundo die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quad- " ringentesimo septuagesimo [7] secundo."

Nota.—

Nomination to the Vicarage of Shepehale. A.D. 1474.

Mensis Octobris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, Dominus Abbas dedit Vicariam de [8] Shepehale Domino Willelmo Warner, Capellano, ad tunc Vicario de Watford, ad exequendum et perimplendum pluralitatem suam ; et septimo die Novembris, anno supradicto, resignavit dictam Vicariam in manus Domini *et cætera.*

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[1] *correctionem* in MS.

[2] Sic in MS., repeated.

[3] This and the two following words are repeated in MS.

[4] *a parte* in MS.

[5] Omitted in MS.

[6] Otherwise then known as "Wen- " degose Lane," in Thames Street.

[7] A.D. 1473, according to the present computation.

[8] Probably, Shepehallbury, near Stevenage, in Hertfordshire.

[9] *Capello* in MS. This William Warner cannot be identical with the person of that name, mentioned in p. 107 *ante*.

Shepehale.

Nomination to the Vicarage of Shepehale. A.D. 1472.

Mensis Novembris die septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, data fuit Vicaria de Shepehale Domino Thomæ Hether, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Willelmi Warner, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; ad instantiam Thomæ Waite, adtunc Custodis Hospitii Domini Abbatis, Londoniis, in [1] Bradestrate.

Perpetuitas concessa Priori de Bynham in Prioratu suo, ad terminum vitæ suæ.

Gift of the Priory of Bynham to William Dyxwell, for life. A.D. 1472.

" Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ " pervenerint, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas " exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti " Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Diocesis, salutem in Domino " sempiternam. Sciatis quod nos, de fidelitate et cir- " cumspectione dilecti filii et confratris nostri, Do- " mini Willelmi Dyxwell, plenius confidentes, ipsum, " filium et confratrem nostrum, in Priorem Cellæ nos- " træ de Bynham, ad totam vitam suam naturalem, " absque revocatione, reclamatione, vel exoneratione, " ipsius Domini Willelmi Dixwell, de officio Prioratus " prædicti quovismodo, præfecimus per præsentes. In " cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras patentes " nostro sigillo fecimus consignari. Data in Monas- " terio nostro de Sancto Albano, octavo die Novem- " bris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sep- " tuagesimo secundo."

Litteræ patentes concessæ Willelmo Herbert, Armigero, in South Wallia.

Grant to William Herbert, Esquire,

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti " Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conven- " tus, omnibus et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ

[1] Broad Street. See the *Annales* of Amundesham, Vol. II., p. 116.

[2] *Diocesis* in MS.

of a pension of 8 marks yearly, to be received from the Priory of St. Nicholas, at Monkton, in Pembroke. A.D. 1473.

" pervenerint, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sci-
" atis quod nos, pro bono et laudabili servitio quod
" dilectus et fidelis nobis Willelmus Herbert, Armiger,
" nobis in dies impendit, et [1] in posterum impendet,
" dedimus et concessimus eidem Willelmo Herbert, ad
" terminum vitæ suæ, octo marcas legalis monetæ
" Angliæ, percipiendas annuatim de exitibus, proficuis,
" et reventionibus, provenientibus de Prioratu nostro
" Sancti [2] Nicolai de Monkton, in Comitatu Pembro-
" chiæ, in South Wallia; solvendas eidem Willelmo
" per manus Prioris nostri, qui ibidem nunc est, vel
" qui pro tempore fuerit, ad terminos Annunciationis
" Dominicæ, Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ,
" Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, et Natalis Domini, per
" æquales portiones: primo termino solutionis inde in-
" cipiente in Festo Annunciationis Dominicæ proximo
" futuro post datam præsentium. Volumus etiam, et
" concedimus per præsentes, quod si prædictæ octo
" marcæ, vel aliqua parcella earundem, a retro fuerint,
" vel fuerit, per quindecim dies ultra aliquem termi-
" num prædictum, tunc bene liceat præfato Willelmo
" Herbert, aut assignatis suis, in prædicto Prioratu,
" et in omnibus terris et tenementis, ac dominiis, ei-
" dem pertinentibus, intrare, et per omnia bona et
" catalla ibidem inventa distringere, districtiones sic-
" que captas licite asportare, fugare, imparcare, et
" retinere; quousque de prædictis octo marcis, et
" arreragiis earundem, præfato Willelmo Herbert, vel
" assignatis suis, plenarie fuerit satisfactum et persolu-
" tum. In cujus rei testimonium, Sigillum nostrum
" Commune præsentibus est appensum. Data *et cæ-*
" *tera*, vicesimo die Februarii, anno duodecimo Edwardi
" Quarti, millesimo quadringentesimo [3] septuagesimo
" secundo.

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[1] *imposterum* in MS.

[2] *Nicholai* in MS.

[3] Written 1461 in MS.; evidently an error. February in the 12th Edward IV. would fall in A.D. 1472, according to the ecclesiastical mode of reckoning.

Shepale.

Mensis Octobris die nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, data fuit Vicaria de Shepale Domino Willelmo Warner, Capellano, vacans per liberam resignationem Domini Roberti Brian, ultimi Vicarii ibidem.—Intitulatur in dorso istius folii ista Vicaria, quia non [1] providebatur *et cætera.*[2] A.D. 1474. Gift of the Vicarage of Shepale.

Litteræ patentes Johannis Forster, Armigeri, de officio Senescalli.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens " scriptum indentatum pervenerit, Willelmus, permis- " sione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Al- " bani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino " sempiternam. Sciatis nos, præfatos Abbatem et " Conventum, totius Capituli nostri [3] consensu et vo- " luntate, dedisse, et per præsentes concessisse, dilecto " nobis in Christo, Johanni Forster, Armigero, officium " Senescalli, sive Senescalciæ nostræ, omnium mane- " riorum, dominiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, liber- " tatum, franchesiarum, et villarum, nostrarum qua- " rumcunque, in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ, Essexiæ, " Bukenhamiæ, Berkesciræ, Myddelsexiæ, et alibi, infra " regnum Angliæ, et in Wallia, existentium, et dicto " nostro monasterio pertinentium: habendum et te- " nendum officium prædictum præfato Johanni Forster, " et suo sufficienti deputato, ad terminum vitæ ipsius " Johannis tantum, recipiendo in officio illo omnia " vadia, feoda, annuitates, liberatas, cameras, togas, " stabula, sustentationes equorum, cum ferruris eo- " rundem, et omnia regarda, et singula, eidem officio Grant, by letters patent, of the office of Seneschal, or Steward, to John Forster, Esquire, for his life. A.D. 1471.

[1] *providiebatur* in MS.

[2] See p. 111, *ante*; this probably means that, by inadvertence, the appointment of Warner's successor has been entered in a previous page.

[3] *concensu* in MS.

A.D. 1471. " pertinentia, et ex antiquo debita et consueta. Et " non licebit præfato Johanni Forster officium præ- " dictum alicui dare, vendere, nec ad firmam dimittere, " sive alienare, quovismodo, sub pœna forisfacturæ et " [1] amissionis prædicti officii. In cujus rei testimonium, " tam sigilla dictorum Abbatis et Conventus, quam " sigillum præfati Johannis Forster, præsenti scripto " indentato alternatim sunt appensa. Data in Domo " Capitulari monasterii prædicti, nono die mensis Junii, " anno [2] duodecimo Edwardi Quarti, et Dominicæ In- " carnationis millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo " primo."

Confirmatio Domini Abbatis super quadam annuitate, concessa per Priorem de Hatfeld Peverelle.

Confirmation by the Abbot of St. Alban's of a grant by the Prior and Convent of Hatfeld Peverelle of an annuity to Robert Forster, Rector of Waltam Parva.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scrip- " tum pervenerit, Johannes Thornton, Prior Prioratus " de Hatfeld Peverell, in Comitatu Essexiæ, et ejusdem " loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. " Sciatis nos, prædictum Priorem et Conventum, de " [3] consensu, pariter et assensu, Reverendi in Christo " Patris et Domini, Domini Willelmi, Abbatis Monas- " terii Sancti Albani, dedisse, concessisse, et per præ- " sentes confirmasse, Domino Roberto Forster, Rectori " de [4] Waltam Parva, unam annuitatem, sive annualem " redditum, quinque librarum sex solidorum et octo A.D. 1474. " denariorum sterlingorum : habendum et percipiendum " præfato Roberto, et assignatis suis, annuatim, ad ter- " minum vitæ suæ, de et in Prioratu nostro de Hat- " feld Peverelle prædicto ; solvendam præfato Roberto, " et assignatis suis, annuatim, ad Festa Nativitatis " Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, Sancti Michaelis Archan- " geli, Natalis Domini, et Paschæ, æquis portionibus.

[1] *ammissionis* in MS.

[2] The 9th of June 1471 was in the 11th year of Edward IV.

[3] *concensu* in MS.

[4] Little Waltham, near Chelmsford, in Essex.

" Et si contingat prædictam annuitatem, sive annualem A.D. 1474.
" redditum, centum et sex solidorum octo denariorum,
" a retro fore in parte, vel in toto non solutam, ad
" aliquod festum festorum prædictorum, quo solvi de-
" beat, extunc bene licebit præfato Roberto, assignatis,
" vel attornatis, suis, in Prioratu nostro prædicto, ac in
" omnibus terris et tenementis nostris, in villa de Hat-
" feld Peverell prædicta, cum suis pertinentiis, distrin-
" gere, et districtiones sic captas abducere, fugare, et
" asportare, quocunque sibi placuerit, et penes se reti-
" nere, quousque sibi de annuitate, sive annuali redditu
" prædicto, et arreragiis ejusdem, si quæ fuerint, satis-
" factum [1] [sit], et persolutum. In cujus rei testimo-
" nium, huic præsenti scripto nostro sigillum nostrum
" commune apposuimus. Data in Domo nostro Capi-
" tulari, nono die mensis Septembris, anno regni Regis
" Edwardi, Quarti post Conquæstum, quarto-decimo.
" Et nos, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani antedicti, Lincolniensis
" [2] Dicœcesis, prædictorum nostrorum Prioris et Con-
" ventus donationem, et scripti confirmationem, ratifi-
" camus, et pro rato habemus, per præsentes. Data,
" quoad appositionem sigilli nostri, in Prioratu nostro
" de Redborne, vicesimo quarto die mensis Septembris,
" anno ejusdem Regis quarto-decimo, et anno Domini
" millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto."

Litteræ patentes concessæ Johanni Forster, Armigero, super captione et receptione sex ferarum in Chacia de Hoorwoode, in Comitatu Buckinghamiæ.

" [3] Universis et singulis ad quorum notitiam præsen- Grant of
" tes litteræ pervenerint, Willelmus, divina miseratione, venison to John
" Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Forster,

[1] Omitted in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] See p. 19 *ante*.

Esquire, from the Chase of Horwode, he making a certain return for the same.

" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1] Dicœcesis, et ejusdem
" loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam.
" Noverit universitas vestra, quod, cum nos et prædе-
" cessores nostri, Abbates exempti Monasterii Sancti
" Albani prædicti, a tempore cujus contrarii hominis
" memoria non existit, semper in pacifica possessione
" fuerimus, ut nos omni anno, de jure monasterii nos-
" tri, recipiamus et habeamus sex feras, quæ 'damæ'
" dicuntur, de Chacia de Horwode, juxta manerium
" nostrum de Wynslowe, in Comitatu Buckenhamiæ,
" per dominos dictæ chaciæ, vel eorum forestarios,
" nobis, vel nostris deputatis, seu servientibus, liberan-
" das; videlicet, ad Festum [2] Sanctæ Crucis in fine
" [3] autumni tres damos masculos, et in hyeme, ad Fes-
" tum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, tres alias damas,
" [4] femellas:—nos totum jus nostrum hujusmodi, quan-
" tum ad receptionem ferarum prædictarum omnium,
" tenore et auctoritate præsentium, pro nobis et suc-
" cessoribus nostris, assignamus, damus, et [5] concedimus,
" dilecto et speciali amico nostro, Johanni Forster,
" Armigero, ita quod ipse, præfatus Johannes, vice et
" nomine nostris, auctoritate præsentium, plenariam
" habeat potestatem ad suum proprium usum recipiendi,
" in terminis superius limitatis, prædictas feras, tam
" masculos quam [4] femellas, ex liberatione dominorum
" chaciæ supradictæ, vel forestariorum suorum, qui
" pro tempore fuerint, ad nostrum beneplacitum dura-
" turam. Sub tali tamen conditione, quod ipse, præ-
" fatus Johannes, alias sex feras, quæ 'damæ' dicun-
" tur, videlicet, tres damas [4] femellas in Festo Natalis
" Domini, et tres [6] damos masculos in Festo Sancti
" Petri quod dicitur 'Ad [7] Vincula,' nobis et successo-
" ribus nostris, in dicto nostro monasterio, per se, vel

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] Probably, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14th September.
[3] *autumpni* in MS.
[4] *famellas* in MS.
[5] *consedimus* in MS.
[6] *damas* in MS.; but see above.
[7] Peter's Chains, 1st of August.

" suum sufficientem deputatum, reddet; nisi per Fo-
" restarium nostrum, qui pro tempore fuerit, idem
" Johannes præmunitus fuerit, et requisitus, ad delibe-
" randum eidem forestario, in dicto monasterio, vice
" et nomine nostris, prædictas sex feras, quæ 'damæ'
" dicuntur, ad alias vices congruas et [1] opportunas,
" cum prædictas feras, seu aliquam illarum, habere
" voluerimus, et desideramus. In cujus *et cætera.*" [2]

Appointment of the Abbot of St. Alban's in General Chapter, to visit the Monastery of Glastonbury. A.D. 1473.

[3] Memorandum, quod ultimo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas, in Capitulo Generali tento apud Northamptonam, deputatus fuit, et assignatus, ad visitandum Monasterium Beatæ Mariæ de Glastonia, Bathoniensis et Wellensis [4] Diœcesis; et ea de causa misit litteras suas patentes illuc, ad certificandum de die Visitationis suæ; videlicet, sexto die mensis Martii, proximo sequente ultimum diem mensis Novembris supradictum; secundum tenorem aliarum litterarum patentium, missarum ab Abbate de Eynsham Domino Abbati, ad visitandum Monasterium Sancti Albani, mutato termino, prout patet in decimo [5] folio ab isto folio, retrorsum computando, *et cætera.*

Walyngtoune.

Presentation to the Parish Church of Walyngtone.

Mensis Julii die tertio, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo [6] , præsentatio facta fuit Domino [7] Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, pro Domino Johanne Swepestoone admittendo ad Parochialem Ecclesiam de

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[1] *oportunas* in MS.

[2] In the margin is drawn a sheaf of crooked arrows, entwined.

[3] See the appointment of his substitutes by the Abbot hereupon, p. 108 *ante.*

[4] *Diocesis* in MS.

[5] See p. 76 *ante.*

[6] The date is left incomplete.

[7] Thomas Rotherham.

[1] Walyngtone, per mortem Domini Oliveri Mylle, ultimi Rectoris ibidem; salva annua pensione octo solidorum quatuor denariorum.

Idelestre.

Gift of the Rectory of Idelestre. A.D. 1475.

[2] Mensis Augusti die nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto, data fuit Rectoria de Idelestre Domino Johanni Swetmanne, Capellano, per resignationem Domini Malachiæ Konyam, ultimi Rectoris ibidem.

Licentia concessa Vicario de Rykmersworth, ad visitandum limina Apostolorum.

Leave of absence granted to the Vicar of Rikmersworth, to visit the Apostolic See, and the Holy Sepulchre. A.D. 1475.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo " medio, pertinentis, omnibus et singulis ad quos præ- " sentes litteræ nostræ pervenerint, salutem in Eo de " Cujus latere salus universæ saliit creaturæ. Cum " dilectus nobis in Christo filius, Johannes Wyntone, " Vicarius perpetuus Ecclesiæ Parochialis Beatæ Mariæ " de Rikmersworthe, dictæ nostræ jurisdictionis ex- " emptæ, ex voto, ut asserit, et aliis rationabilibus ac " [4] legitimis causis, limina Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, " ac sanctum Domini nostri Sepulcrum Jesu Christi, " infra breve, favente Altissimo, personaliter visitare " proponit et intendit; nos, suum propositum laudabile " in Domino commendantes, ad absentandum se a Vi- " caria sua prædicta, pro tempore peregrinationis hujus- " modi debite peragendo, licentiam concedimus, ac illum, " quantum in nobis est, [5] toleramus per præsentes. " Proviso semper, quod ecclesiæ suæ parochiali præ-

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[1] See p. 4 *ante*, Note 5.
[2] See p. 121, Note 4, and p. 122, Note 3.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *legittimis* in MS.
[5] *tolleramus* in MS.

" dictæ, medio tempore, laudabiliter deserviatur in divi- A.D. 1475.
" nis, et animarum cura nullatenus negligatur in eadem.
" Addentes ultra dictum Johannem, Vicarium, virum
" honestum, nullo crimine irretitum, nec aliqua sen-
" tentia ecclesiastica innodatum, [1] sed laudabilis vitæ,
" bonæ conversationis, ac famæ, esse, ac opinionis, illæsæ ;
" obnixe supplicantes, ut illum in ecclesiis vestris, ca-
" pellis, et locis ad celebrandum divina, benigne sus-
" cipere dignemini, cum favore ; et nos vestris, cum ad
" nos accesserint, vicissitudinis debitum [2] conabimur,
" ut volumus, et tenemur. In cujus rei testimonium,
" [3] sigillum nostrum præsentibus fecimus communiri.
" Data in monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano præ-
" dicto, vicesimo quarto die mensis Decembris, anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo
" quinto."

Sandrugge.

A similar leave granted to the Vicar of Sandrugge. A.D. 1476.

Consimilem licentiam, ad visitandum limina Apostolorum, [4] obtinuit Dominus Jacobus Waleys, Vicarius de Sandrugg, a Domino Willelmo, Abbate, sub data secundi diei mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto.

Manumissio.

Manumission of John Hethe, a born bondman, and his issue. A.D. 1475.

Ultimo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto, data fuit manumissio Johanni Heethe, juniori, filio Johannis Hethe, senioris, nativi de dominio de Codicote, cum tota sequela sua, procreata et procreanda ; ad instantiam Johannis Forster, Armigeri, Senescalli, *et cætera.*

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[1] *set* in MS.

[2] " *impendere,*" or a similar word, seems to be wanting here.

[3] Probably for,—" *sigillo nostro præsentes.*"

[4] *optinuit* in MS.

Litteræ patentes, concessæ Magistro Sancti Juliani.

A.D. 1475. Appointment, by letters patent, of the Master, or Warden, of the Hospital of St. Julian.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens " scriptum pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina, " Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, salutem " in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos præfatos, Ab- " batem, ordinasse, ac Magistrum, sive Custodem, Hos- " pitalis Sancti Juliani, juxta Sanctum Albanum, " nostrorum jurisdictionis et patronatus, præfecisse et " constituisse, quantum de jure possumus, dilectum " nobis in Christo, Radulphum Ferrers, [1] Doctorem Le- " gum ; dantes et concedentes eidem Radulpho, et suo " sufficienti deputato, plenam, tenore præsentium, potes- " tatem, durante vita sua, bona, redditus, decimas, " proficua, et [2] emolumenta quæcunque, dicto hospitali " incumbentia, recipiendi, et gubernandi, et, ad usum et " honorem Dei et dicti hospitalis, disponendi, modo et " forma prout alii magistri ibidem ab antiquo facere " et occupare consueverunt, secundum consuetudinem " Constitutionum hospitalis supradicti. Salvis semper " nobis, et successoribus nostris, jure, dignitate, reddi- " tibus, et consuetudinibus, dicti hospitalis, nobis et " dicto nostro monasterio ab antiquo debitis, necnon " annua firma decem marcarum Priori monasterii præ- " dicti, qui pro tempore fuerit, pro firma Rectoris, sive " Capituli Sancti Juliani, annuatim debita. In cujus " rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est " appensum. Data in monasterio nostro de Sancto " Albano prædicto, vicesimo die Decembris, anno Domini " millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto."

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[1] " *Radulphus Ferrers, Legum* " *Doctor, Magister Hospitalis* " *Sancti Juliani, anno Domini* " MCCCCLXXV^to^."—Marginal Note, in another hand.

[2] *emolimenta* in MS.

Ecclesia Sancti Petri in Chepa, infra Civitatem Londoniarum.

Mensis Decembris die vicesimo quarto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto, data fuit nominatio Sancti Petri in Chepa, in Civitate Londoniarum, Laurentio Fyncham, ejusdem civitatis piscenario, sub sigillo Abbatis sigillata. A.D. 1475. Gift of the nomination to the living of St. Peter in Chepe, in London.

Shepehale.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, data fuit Vicaria de [1] Shepale Domino Willelmo Bucten, nuper Vicario de Wottone, per liberam resignationem Domini Willelmi Warner, ultimi Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione tresdecim solidorum quatuor denariorum, Prioratui de Walingford debita, annuatim persolvenda. Gift of the Vicarage of Shepale. A.D. 1474.

Nortoune.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, data fuit Vicaria de Nortone Domino Thomæ Hether, per liberam resignationem Domini [2] Nicolai Bretenne. Gift of the Vicarage of Nortone. A.D. 1474.

Idelestre.

Mensis Februarii die vicesimo tertio, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo [3] , data fuit Rectoria de Idelestre Domino Thomæ Boorne, Capellano, post mortem Domini Johannis [4] Semanne, ultimi Rectoris ibidem. Gift of the Rectory of Idelestre.

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[1] There is apparently some mistake here; see pp. 111 and 113 *ante*.

[2] *Nicholai* in MS.

[3] The date is left incomplete.

[4] "*Swetmanne*" in p. 118 *ante*. See also p. 122, Note 3.

Licentia concessa Domino Thomæ Walden, ad visitandum limina Apostolorum.

A.D. 1475. Leave granted to Thomas Walden, a monk, to visit the Apostolic See.

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens "scriptum pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina, "Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis "Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, ad Roma- "nam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, salutem in "amplexibus Salvatoris. Noverit universitas vestra, "quod dilectum confratrem nostrum, Dominum Thomam "Walden, commonachum nostrum, in dicto nostro "monasterio professum, non excommunicatum, non "apostasiæ nec alio crimine penes nos irretitum, [2] sed "bene morigeratum, et in congregatione nostra lauda- "biliter conversatum, pro negotiis suis duntaxat ani- "mam suam tangentibus, limina Apostolorum Petri "et Pauli, ac alia loca sancta, causa peregrinationis, "visitandi et expediendi, ad dicta loca transire licen- "tiamus; sic quod infra unum annum a data præsen- "tium ad nostrum monasterium prædictum reveniat, "si commode poterit, sub pœna sibi per nos imponenda. "Data in monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano præ- "dicto, secundo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini "millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto."

Idelystre.

Gift of the Rectory of Idelestre. A.D. 1474.

Mensis Julii die decimo-septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, data fuit Rectoria de Idelestre Domino [3] Johanni Seman, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Malachiæ Conyam, ultimi ibidem Rectoris.

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *set* in MS.
[3] His death has been mentioned in the last entry but one: see p. 121 *ante*. A different account of his appointment is given in p. 118.

Mandatum missum Priori Walingfordiæ, ad comparendum coram Domino Abbate.

A.D. 1474. Mandate to the Prior of Walingford, commanding him to appear before the Abbot of St.Alban's.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Romanæ Ecclesiæ immediate subjecti, Domino Ricardo Risbourghe, monacho nostro, Priori Prioratus nostri Walingfordiæ, salutem. Mandamus tibi, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, et sub pœna juris, quatinus, post receptionem præsentium, infra tres dies immediate sequentes, compareas coram nobis, ubicunque fuerimus, infra jurisdictionem nostram. Data in manerio nostro de Tytenhangre, decimo-septimo die Novembris, anno millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto."

Licentia ad visitandum limina Apostolorum.

Leave granted to Humphrey Curtesse, a monk, to visit the Apostolic See. A.D. 1473.

Mensis Octobris die nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, licentia concessa fuit, per Dominum Abbatem, Domino Humfrido Curtesse, commonacho Monasterii Sancti Albani, tam ad visitandum limina Apostolorum, quam civitatem Coloniæ; modo et forma, prout supra conceditur Domino [1] Thomæ Walden, mutatis mutandis, *et cætera.*

Tyneby.

Presentation to the Church of Tyneby, in South Wales. A.D. 1475.

Mensis Martii die vicesimo secundo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [2] quarto, data fuit Ecclesia de [3] Tyneby, in South Wallia, Magistro [4] Johanni Hunden, Sacræ Theologiæ Doctori, quondam Landavensi Episcopo, per liberam resignationem Magistri Johannis Smythe; per præsentationem factam Episcopo Menevensi.

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[1] See p. 122.

[2] A.D. 1475, according to the present mode of reckoning.

[3] Tenby, in Pembrokeshire.

[4] He was Prior of King's Langley, and resigned his Episcopal See some time before his death.

Manumissio.

A.D. 1473. Manumission of a born bondman, of Abbot's Waldenne.

Mensis Octobris die duodecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas manumisit Thomam Yong, nuper nativum de dominio suo de Waldenne Abbatis; et habuit manumissionem suam scriptam, modo et forma prout manumissiones perantea in isto Registro inscribuntur, *et cætera.*

The first tonsure received by John Danyelle, son of George Danyelle, Esquire. A.D. 1475.

Memorandum, quod die Lunæ, undecimo Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto, Johannes Danyelle, filius Georgii Danyelle, Armigeri, de Rykmersworth, accepit primam tonsuram clericalem a Venerabili in Christo Patre, Domino Willelmo, Abbate Monasterii Sancti Albani, in Capella sua, infrà monasterium suum situata; post prandium, videlicet, die Lunæ in crastino [1] Paschæ supradicto.

Commissio ad visitandum Prioratum Walingfordiæ.

Commission to visit the Priory of Walingforde, certain malicious charges being made against the Prior. A.D. 1475.

Mensis Novembris die nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto, commissio facta fuit Domino [2] Nicolao Boston, Cellerario et [3] Eleemosynario Monasterii Sancti Albani, necnon et Domino [4] Thomæ Ramrugg, ejusdem monasterii commonacho, ad visitandum Prioratum Walingfordiæ; ex certis causis versus Priorem ibidem malitiose motis.

Busshey.

Institution of John Hylle,

"Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
"nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,

[1] This is clearly an error, to place Easter Day in February.
[2] *Nicholao* in MS.
[3] *Elemosinario* in MS.
[4] Afterwards Abbot of St. Alban's; see pp. 28 and 30 *ante.*

" Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, A.D. 1474. chaplain, in the Parish Church of Busshey, upon his presentation by George, Duke of Clarence.
" nullo medio, pertinentis, dilecto nobis in Christo,
" Domino Johanni Hylle, Capellano, salutem, gratiam,
" et benedictionem. Ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de
" Busshey, nostrarum institutionis et jurisdictionis ex-
" emptæ, ad quam per [2] illustrem Dominum, Georgium,
" Ducem Clarenciæ, Comitem Warwici et Sarum, Do-
" minum de Rychemund, ac Magnum Camerarium
" Angliæ, ejusdemque ecclesiæ Patronum, nuper nobis
" præsentatus fueris, per mortem ultimi incumbentis
" ibidem vacantem, tibi conferimus, et te Rectorem
" perpetuum instituimus canonice in eadem, cum suis
" juribus et pertinentiis universis; jure, dignitate, et
" consuetudinibus, monasterii nostri antedicti, necnon
" quadam annua pensione triginta et trium solidorum
" quatuor denariorum, nobis et dicto nostro monasterio,
" ab eadem Rectoria debita et consueta, in omnibus
" semper salvis. Data in dicto nostro monasterio, nostro
" sub sigillo, mensis Decembris die vicesimo octavo,
" anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo
" quarto." [3]

Kymbelle Parva.

Mensis Julii die quinto-decimo, anno Domini mil- Gift of the Church of Kymbell Parva. A.D. 1475.
lesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto, data fuit Ecclesia de [4] Kymbell Parva Domino Willelmo Halle, Capellano, per mortem Domini Johannis Penne, immediate Rectoris ibidem.

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *illustrum* in MS.
[3] Below this is written, in another, but almost contemporary hand.—" *Georgius, Dux Clarencis, Comes* " *Warwici et Sarum, Dominus de* " *Rychemund, Magnus Camerarius* " *Angliæ.*"
[4] See p. 10 *ante*.

Certificatorium de morte Confratris, pro Orationibus habendis pro ipsius anima.

A.D. 1470. Certificate to the Abbot, of the death of H. Martyne, a member of the Fraternity.

" Venerabili in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino " [1] J., divina miseratione, Abbati Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci sacro Conventui, Thomas, eadem " gratia, Abbas de N., salutem, et sinceram in Domino " caritatem. Vestræ Fraternitati significamus, dilectum " nobis in Christo commonachum et confratrem, Dominum H. Martyne, sacerdotem in monasterio nostro " professum, quarto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini " millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, diem suum " clausisse extremum; pro cujus transitu confœderatam " fraternitatem vestram requirimus et rogamus, quatinus ipsius animæ, ad requiem tendenti, orationum " suffragiis devotarum, quibus invicem obligamur, pia " celeritate [2] succurrere velitis. Valeat semper, et proficiat, vestræ religionis sanctitas successibus gratiosis. " Scriptum in monasterio prædicto, mense, die, et anno, " præscriptis."

Commissio pro deliberatione Gaolæ.

Commission, for Gaol delivery, addressed to the Seneschal by the Abbot and Convent of St. Alban's. A.D. 1471.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, et " ejusdem loci Conventus, Johanni Forster, Armigero, " Senescallo nostro, salutem. Cum Dominus noster, " Eduuardus, [3] post Conquæstum Quartus, Rex nunc, per " Litteras suas Patentes, quarum data est apud Westmonasterium, tertio die mensis Novembris, anno " regni sui secundo, de gratia sua speciali, et ob honorem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Sanctæ Mariæ, Matris " Ejusdem, Sancti Albani, et totius Curiæ cœlestis, " inter cætera pietatis opera, concesserit, pro se et

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[1] An error for " W.," if the date (A.D. 1470) is correct.

[2] *succurre* in MS.

[3] These two words follow " *anno* " *regni sui*" in MS.

" hæredibus suis, quantum in ipso est, Deo et Ecclesiæ A.D. 1471.
" Sancti Albani, ac nobis, præfatis Abbati et Conventui,
" et successoribus nostris, [1] in perpetuum, quod nos, et
" successores nostri, habeamus gaolam infra villam de
" Sancto Albano, ad felones et alios malefactores quos-
" cunque, infra villas de Sancto Albano, Barnet, et
" Watford, necnon Hundredum de Cayshoo, in Comitatu
" Hertfordiæ, ac totam Libertatem nostram Sancti Al-
" bani, captos, sive capiendos, in eadem gaola, quousque
" ab eadem, secundum legem et consuetudinem [2] regni
" Angliæ, deliberentur, salvo custodiendos: et quod
" Senescallus noster, et successorum nostrorum, associ-
" atis sibi [3] uno vel duobus, legisperito vel legisperitis,
" quorum prædictus Senescallus, pro tempore existens,
" semper sit unus, sint Justiciarii prædicti Domini
" Regis, et hæredum suorum, ad gaolam illam de pri-
" sonibus, in ea existentibus, et eidem prisonæ ex qua-
" cunque causa committendis, de tempore in tempus
" deliberandam: ita quod nullus Justiciarius, sive Jus-
" ticiarii, ejusdem Domini Regis, vel hæredum suorum,
" ad gaolam illam aliqualiter deliberandam, per ipsum
" Dominum Regem, vel hæredes suos, de cætero assig-
" nandi, villas, hundreda, seu Libertatem prædictam, ex
" hac causa, vel alia causa quacunque, aliqualiter in-
" grediatur, seu ingrediantur:—nos, volentes gaolam
" nostram prædictam de prisonibus in ea existentibus
" deliberari, te desideramus, quod ad gaolam illam de
" prisonibus in ea existentibus, juxta auctoritatem et
" potestatem per prædictum Dominum Regem, ut præ-
" mittitur, nobis concessas, procedas deliberare. In
" cujus rei testimonium, has litteras nostras fieri feci-
" mus patentes, ad nostrum beneplacitum duraturas.
" Data in Monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano præ-
" dicto, nostro sub sigillo, vicesimo die Augusti, anno
" regni Regis Edwardi Quarti undecimo."

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[1] *imperpetuum* in MS.
[2] *regi* in MS.
[3] "*duo*" in MS., evidently for "*uno.*"

Langley Abbatis.

A.D. 1476. Gift of the Vicarage of Abbot's Langley.

Mensis Martii die octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [1] quinto, data fuit Vicaria de Langley Abbatis [2] Domino Willelmo Strenger, in Artibus Magistro, per mortem Domini Thomæ Dawe, *et cætera.*

Bona forma concessionis Advocationis, sive Patronatus, alicujus Ecclesiæ.

A form of grant of the next presentation to a Church.

" Willelmus, *et cætera,* omnibus ad quos *et cætera.* " Sciatis nos, ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, " dedisse et concessisse dilecto servienti nostro, J. N., " Armigero, Advocationem, sive Patronatum, Ecclesiæ " Parochialis de B., Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, cum prox- " imo per mortem, resignationem, promotionem, dimis- " sionem, seu alio modo quocunque, vacare contigerit : " habendum prædictam advocationem, sive patrona- " tum, præfato J. N., pro unica et proxima vacatione " tantum : ita quod licebit ei [4] idoneam personam ad " ecclesiam prædictam, cum proximo vacaverit, ad " [5] Diœcesanum loci illius præsentare, ac omnia alia " et singula quæ circa præmissa necessaria fuerint, seu " quomodolibet [6] opportuna, agere et perimplere, adeo " libere, plene, et integre, prout nos faceremus, si præ- " sens concessio nostra facta non fuisset. In cujus rei " testimonium, *et cætera.*" [7]

[8] *Charta donationis bonorum mobilium et immobilium.*

A deed of gift of property, moveable and immovable.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum " pervenerit, J. L., de C., in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, Ar- " miger, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis

[1] A.D. 1476, according to the present mode of reckoning.
[2] Repeated in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *ydoniam* in MS.
[5] *Diocesanum* in MS.
[6] *oportuna* in MS.
[7] A hand is drawn in the margin, to call attention to this form.
[8] *Carta* in MS.

" nos, præfatum J. L., dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præ-
" senti scripto meo confirmasse, A. B., et C. D., Armi-
" geris, omnia et singula bona mea, debita, et catalla,
" mobilia et immobilia, tam viva quam mortua, cujus-
" cunque conditionis, generis, seu speciei, fuerint, et in
" quorumcunque manibus, possessione, seu gubernatione,
" extiterint, aut inveniri [1] poterunt, infra regnum An-
" gliæ, seu alibi: habendum et tenendum omnia et
" singula supradicta bona, debita, et catalla, ut supra
" dictum est, præfatis A. B. et C. D., Armigeris, exe-
" cutoribus et assignatis suis, libere, quiete, integre,
" bene, et in pace, [2] in perpetuum, absque aliqua con-
" ditione, reclamatione, impedimento, seu [3] calumnia, mei,
" præfati J. L., Armigeri, aut alicujus alterius, nomine
" meo, et absque aliquo compoto seu responso inde
" [4] mihi aut alicui alteri faciendo, sive reddendo, quo-
" vismodo in futurum. Ita, videlicet, quod nec ego, præ-
" dictus J. L., Armiger, nec aliquis alius, pro me, per
" me, seu nomine meo, aliquod jus, titulum, statum,
" proprietatem, clameum, actionem, seu demandam, de,
" aut in, prædictis bonis, debitis, et catallis, nec de, aut
" in, aliqua parcella eorundem, de cætero exigere, cla-
" mare, vendicare, seu demandare, potero, seu poterit,
" quovismodo in futuro; [5] sed ab omni actione juris,
" tituli, status, proprietatis, clamei, et demandæ, inde
" petenda, simus, et sit, exclusi per præsentes [2] in per-
" petuum. In cujus rei *et cætera.* Data *et cætera.*" [6]

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[1] *poterint* in MS.
[2] *imperpetuum* in MS.
[3] *calumpnia* in MS.
[4] *michi* in MS.
[5] *set* in MS.
[6] At this point (folio 32 b) half a page is left blank; and three leaves, at least, (whether originally written upon, or not, it is impossible to say) have been torn out. The obverse of folio 33 (according to the present pagination), and half of the reverse, are also left in blank; the context recommencing half-way down folio 33 b.

Supplication by the Abbot and Convent of St. Alban's to the Apostolic See, asking for certain privileges in reference to confession.

" Beatissime Pater. Ut animarum saluti devotorum " oratorum vestrorum, Willelmi, Abbatis Monasterii " Sancti Albani, et monachorum ejusdem, Lincolniensis " [1] Diœcesis, salubrius consulatur, supplicant Sanctitati " vestræ dicti oratores, quatenus, eis specialem gratiam " facientes, ut confessor [2] idoneus, sæcularis vel regu- " laris [3] presbyter, quem nostrorum singuli duxerint " eligendum, ipsos, et ipsorum quemlibet, ab omnibus " et singulis excommunicationibus, [4] suspensionibus, et " [5] interdictis, aliisque ecclesiasticis sententiis, censuris, " et pœnis, in eos, et eorum quemlibet, specialiter vel " generaliter, a jure vel ab homine, quavis occasione " vel causa, latis et promulgatis, ac quorumcunque vo- " torum et juramentorum transgressionibus; necnon " symoniæ et perjuriorum reatibus, jejuniorum et pœni- " tentiarum injunctarum omissionibus, aliisque quibus- " vis eorum peccatis, criminibus, excessibus, et delictis, " etiamsi majore [6] indigerent expressione; de quibus " corde contriti et ore confessi fuerint, etiamsi talia " sint, propter quæ Sedes merito [7] foret consulenda; " de reservatis, semel in vita, et in mortis articulo, " de non reservatis vero casibus, totiens [8] quotiens " opus fuerit, absolvere, et pro commissis pœniten- " tiam injungere salutarem, necnon super quacunque " labe irregularitatis dispensare; vota vero peregri- " nationis et abstinentiæ in alia pietatis opera com- " mutare; necnon semel in vita, et in mortis articulo, " plenariam omnium suorum peccatorum remissionem, " etiam a pœna et culpa, eis, et eorum cuilibet, im- " pendere; possit et valeat, auctoritate Apostolica, con-

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *ydonius* in MS.
[3] *presbiter* in MS.
[4] *suspencionibus* in MS.
[5] *interdicti* in MS.
[6] *indegerent* in MS.
[7] *forent* in MS.
[8] *quostiens* in MS.

" cedere et indulgere misericorditer dignemini, de gratia " speciali; non obstantibus contrariis quibuscunque."—

Fiat de Confessionali in forma [1] f.

Et de reservatis semel in vita, et in mortis articulo.

Et de non reservatis, [2] totiens quotiens opus fuerit.

Et pro omnibus et singulis [3] supradictis.

Et cum commutatione votorum, et relaxatione juramentorum.

Et cum plenaria remissione semel in vita, et mortis articulo. Fiat f.

Et de dispensatione super irregularitate.—

Et quod præsenti Supplicationi sola signatura sufficiat.

[4] Absque aliarum desuper confectione litterarum Apostolicarum.

Data Romæ, apud Sanctum Petrum, [5] sexto Kalendas Maii, anno [6] secundo.

Breve regium, pro decima colligenda, [7] [*anno*] *millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo.*

Writ for the due collection of a tenth, granted by the Clergy of the Province of Canterbury to the King, A.D. 1472.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et " Dominus Hiberniæ, dilecto sibi in Christo, Abbati de " Sancto Albano, salutem. Cum venerabilis Pater, [8] Thomas, Titulo Sancti Ciriaci in Terminis, Sacrosanctæ " Romanæ Ecclesiæ [9] Presbyter Cardinalis, Archiepiscopus " Cantuariensis, totius Angliæ Primas, et Apostolicæ " Sedis Legatus, cæterique Prælati et Clerus Cantuariæ " Provinciæ, in ultima Convocatione Prælatorum et " Cleri hujusmodi, in Ecclesia Sancti Pauli, Londoniis, " vicesimo tertio die mensis Januarii ultimo præterito

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[1] Sic in MS. This, apparently, is the Pontifical Fiat.

[2] *totienquostiens* in MS.

[3] *supradictas* in MS.

[4] These are instructions, apparently, for the several heads of the Privilege to be granted by the Papal Court to the Monastery, on its Supplication.

[5] 26th of April.

[6] The Papacy either of Paul II. or Sixtus IV. may be alluded to; probably the latter.

[7] Omitted in MS.

[8] Thomas Bourchier.

[9] *Presbiter* in MS.

A.D. 1472. " inchoata, et usque ad et in vicesimum primum diem
" mensis Februarii, extunc proxime sequentis, de diebus
" in dies continuata, congregati, concesserunt nobis, ad
" defensionem Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et regni nostri Angliæ,
" sub modis et formis, conditionibus, et exceptionibus,
" infra scriptis, et non aliter, nec alio modo, unam in-
" tegram decimam de quibuscunque bonis, beneficiis,
" et possessionibus, ecclesiasticis dictæ Provinciæ, tax-
" atis et non taxatis, ac decimam solvere consuetis,
" etiamque quibuscunque bonis, beneficiis, et posses-
" sionibus, ecclesiasticis Prioratuum alienigenarum, in
" quorumcunque manibus, ecclesiasticorum seu sæcula-
" rium virorum dictæ Provinciæ, existentibus, specifi-
" catis in exceptionibus infrascriptis duntaxat exceptis;
" levandam et solvendam ad terminos infrascriptos;
" videlicet, unam medietatem dictæ integræ decimæ,
" solvendam ad Festum Sancti Martini quod erat in
" mense Novembris proximo futuro, et alteram medie-
" tatem dictæ decimæ, solvendam ad idem festum
" Sancti Martini quod erit in mense Novembri anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo
" tertio, salvis exceptionibus infrascriptis, a concessione,
" levatione, collectione, et solutione, dictæ decimæ, et
" cujuslibet partis ejusdem; videlicet, de quibuscunque
" beneficiis, bonis, et possessionibus, pauperum religio-
" sorum et pauperum monialium, ac aliorum pauperum
" et piorum locorum, dictæ Provinciæ; necnon beneficiis,
" bonis, et possessionibus, quorumcunque religiosorum et
" aliarum personarum ecclesiasticarum, ubicunque infra
" dictam Provinciam, quorum Monasteria, Prioratus,
" loca, bona, possessiones, seu beneficia, per inundationes
" aquarum, incendia, ruinas, guerras, vel [1] fortuitos
" casus, seu alios qualitercunque, [2] destructa, depau-
" perata, seu nimium [3] diminuta, existunt; exceptis

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[1] *fortuito* in MS.
[2] *distructa* in MS.
[3] *diminutas* in MS.

" etiam a concessione levationum et solutionum dictæ A.D. 1472.
" decimæ, et cujuslibet partis ejusdem, beneficiis eccle-
" siasticis quibuscunque dictæ Provinciæ, quæ ob sui
" exilitatem inofficiata existunt; illis etiam beneficiis
" ecclesiasticis curatis, taxatis, et non taxatis, quorum
" verus valor annuus, modernis temporibus, infra
" summam duodecim marcarum existit, seu annuatim
" ad summam duodecim marcarum se extendit, et
" non ultra, in quibus beneficiorum ipsorum Rectores
" seu Vicarii, aut alii, quocunque nomine censeantur,
" curati, residentiam faciunt personalem, vel alii, si
" ab eisdem absentes fuerint, et in aliqua Universi-
" tate regni nostri, sufficienter licentiati, effectualiter
" insistunt studio litterarum; de quibus beneficiis
" et possessionibus, omnibus et singulis, ut præmittitur,
" exceptis, locorum Ordinarii dictæ Provinciæ, singuli
" pro suis [1] Dicœcesibus, nos, seu Thesaurarium et
" Barones de Scaccario nostro, certificaverint; quorum
" litteris certficatoriis, in ea parte faciendis, stetur om-
" nino, et absque aliqua alia inquisitione, indagatione,
" aut dilatione, in prædicto Scaccario nostro fienda,
" fides plenaria adhibeatur: exceptis etiam Præbenda
" de Coringham et Præbenda de North Kelsy, in
" Ecclesia Cathedrali Lincolniæ, et Ecclesia Parochiali
" de Leveringtone, Eliensis [2] Dicœcesis; quarum præben-
" darum et ecclesiæ fructus et proventus in tantum
" deciderunt, quod ad decimam antiquam taxatam, et
" onera eisdem incumbentia, supportandum non suffi-
" ciunt; voluerunt tamen Prælati et Clerus antedicti,
" quod secundum valorem viginti librarum decimæ
" dictæ Præbendæ de Coringham, et Ecclesiæ Parochi-
" alis de Leverington prædictæ, etiam secundum valo-
" rem viginti librarum, et Præbendæ de North [3] Kelsly,
" secundum valorem duodecim librarum, persolvatur
" de eisdem: excepto etiam Monasterio, Prioratu, sive

[1] *Diocesibus* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] Sic in MS.; "*Kelsy*" above.

A.D. 1472. " Domo Conventuali, religiosarum mulierum de Ambres-
" bury, Sarisburiensis Diœcesis, cujus fructus et pro-
" ventus [1] in tantum decreverunt, quod ad decimam
" antiquitus taxatam, videlicet, sexaginta librarum, et
" ultra, ac onera eidem incumbentia, supportanda non
" sufficiunt; voluerunt tamen [2] Prælati [3] [et] Clerus
" antedicti, quod pro solutione dictæ integræ decimæ
" onerentur dictæ religiosæ mulieres, et earum Do-
" mus, sive Prioratus, in quadraginta libris tantum,
" et non ultra: exceptis etiam a concessione, levatione,
" et solutione, decimæ prædictæ, et cujuslibet partis
" ejusdem, bonis, beneficiis, et possessionibus, ecclesias-
" ticis omnium et singulorum Collegiorum ac Univer-
" sitatum Oxoniæ et Cantebruggiæ existentium, ac
" Collegii prope Wintoniam, de fundatione Willelmi
" Wikham, quondam Wintoniæ Episcopi, ubicunque
" bona [3] [et] [1] possessiones ecclesiastica collegiorum
" prædictorum infra Provinciam prædictam extiterint:
" exceptis etiam a concessione, levatione, et solutione,
" dictæ decimæ, et cujuslibet partis ejusdem, bonis,
" beneficiis, et possessionibus, religiosarum personarum
" Domus Sancti Salvatoris et Sanctarum Mariæ Vir-
" ginis et Brigittæ de Syon, Ordinis Sancti Augustini,
" et religiosorum virorum Domus Jhesu de Bedlam de
" Shene, ac Domus Salutationis Beatæ Mariæ in sub-
" urbio Civitatis Londoniarum, Ordinis Cartusiensis, et
" omnium aliorum religiosorum virorum domorum qua-
" rumcunque ejusdem Ordinis Cartusiensis, infra dictam
" Provinciam existentium; ac religiosorum virorum
" de Edyngtone, Sarisburiensis [4] Diœcesis; necnon bonis
" et beneficiis, ac possessionibus, ecclesiasticis Canoni-
" corum et Præbendariorum Ecclesiæ Collegiatæ [5] de
" Wyngham, dictæ Cantuariensis Diœcesis; ac bonis et
" possessionibus, beneficiisque, religiosorum virorum

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[1] Repeated in MS.
[2] *Præfati* in MS.
[3] Omitted in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *we* in MS.

" Prioratus, sive Domus, Sanctæ Frideswidæ, Universi- A.D. 1472.
" tate Oxoniæ: exceptis insuper a solutione dictæ
" decimæ, et cujuslibet partis ejusdem, bonis, beneficiis,
" et possessionibus, ecclesiasticis, Magistri Johannis
" Parmenter, Rectoris Ecclesiarum Parochialium de
" Newchirche, dictæ Cantuariensis [1] Dicœcesis, [2] [et]
" Abindon juxta Northamptonam, Lincolniensis Dicœcesis,
" pro eo, et ex eo, quod licet bona, beneficia, et posses-
" siones ecclesiasticæ, dicti Magistri Johannis Parmen-
" ter a solutione decimæ, et cujuslibet partis ejusdem,
" nobis concessæ in Convocatione Prælatorum et Cleri
" dictæ Provinciæ, quæ incepit duodecimo die mensis
" Maii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexa-
" gesimo octavo, et tertio die mensis Julii extunc
" proxime sequente finita fuit, per certificatorium dicti
" Archiepiscopi, in Scaccario nostro factum, fuerunt
" excepta, pro eo quod idem Magister Johannes, ante
" ipsam Convocationem, indebite fuerat per laicalem po-
" testatem indictatus, ipse tamen Magister Johannes,
" spretus certificatorio ipsius Archiepiscopi hujusmodi,
" cui, in ea parte, juxta et secundum formam concessionis
" dictæ decimæ, in Scaccario nostro omnino stare de-
" buisset, fuit, ad magnos custus et expensas suos, per
" ministros nostros de Scaccario nostro vexatus, et ad
" solutionem partis ejusdem per eosdem [3] coactus,
" [4] quemque ad solutionem residui dictæ integræ deci-
" mæ ministri nostri hujusmodi [5] cogere et compellere
" indies comminantur: exceptis etiam a concessionis
" solutione, et levatione decimæ prædictæ, et cujuslibet
" partis ejusdem, bonis, beneficiis, et possessionibus,
" Rectorum, Vicariorum, et aliorum ecclesiasticorum
" virorum beneficiatorum, ejusdem Provinciæ, omnium
" et singulorum, quos Ordinarii eorundem, in singulis
" [6] Dicœcesibus dictæ Provinciæ, [7] per eorundem certifi-

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] Omitted in MS.
[3] *choactus* in MS.
[4] This word is doubtful.
[5] *gogere* in MS.
[6] *Diocesibus* in MS.
[7] *pro* in MS.

A.D. 1472. " catoria, nobis in Scaccario nostro facta, post et citra
" Festum Paschæ, quæ erat decimo die mensis Aprilis,
" anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septua-
" gesimo primo, et ante primum diem concessionis
" decimæ, in dicta ultima Convocatione concessæ, per
" laicales personas, aut laicalem potestatem, indictatos,
" accusatos, aut incarceratos, fuisse certificaverint, et
" quos Ordinarii hujusmodi per certificatoria sua, de
" die in diem, et de tempore in tempus, usque ad
" ultimum terminum solutionis decimæ, sic in dicta
" ultima Convocatione concessæ, singuli de suis [1] Dioe-
" cesibus, per laicos, vel laicalem potestatem, indictari,
" accusari, aut incarcerari, certificabunt: exceptis etiam
" a solutione dictæ decimæ, et cujuslibet partis ejus-
" dem, bonis, beneficiis, et possessionibus, quorumcunque
" personarum ecclesiasticarum, quas earundem Ordinarii
" per certificatorium suum in Scaccario nostro, a primo
" die mensis Julii, anno regni nostri nono, et citra
" illum diem, usque ad, et in, primum diem concessionis
" prædictæ decimæ, et cujuslibet partis ejusdem, contra
" nos, et hujusmodi regni nostri [2] tranquillitatem, opere
" [3] nihil egisse, et per insurgentes et disturbantes pacem
" et [2] tranquillitatem eandem omnibus suis bonis mobi-
" libus, aut majori parte eorundem, nobis infra regnum
" nostrum existentibus, vel absentibus, spoliatos fuisse
" certificaverunt: in quibus omnibus et singulis præ-
" missis, de tempore in tempus, usque ad ultimum diem
" solutionis decimæ prædictæ, stent certificatoriis Ordi-
" nariorum, sic quod nec ipsi Ordinarii, nec loca, bona,
" et posssessiones, aut beneficia hujusmodi, excepta, aut
" personæ ipsa occupantes, aut collectores dictæ decimæ,
" seu alicujus partis ejusdem, per brevia nostra, seu
" alio quovis modo, vel colore quæsito, ea occasione,
" contra formam certificatoriorum Ordinariorum hujus-
" modi, vexentur vel graventur, vexetur aut gravetur

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[1] *Diocesibus* in MS.
[2] *tranquilitatem* in MS.
[3] *nichil* in MS.

" aliquis eorundem: proviso [1] nihilominus, et excepto, A.D. 1472.
" quod nullæ personæ ecclesiasticæ pro bonis, beneficiis,
" et possessionibus, eorumve fructibus et proventibus,
" pro et de quibus dicta decima solvi debeat, nec
" ipsarum ecclesiasticarum personarum firmarii, pro
" bonis, beneficiis, et possessionibus, earum, vel eorum
" fructibus et proventibus hujusmodi sibi ad firmam
" dimissis, pro eisdem cum laicis ad quintam-decimam,
" vel aliquam aliam contributionem seu impositionem,
" auxilium, vel subsidium, quocunque nomine censean-
" tur, per viros sæculares factam vel faciendam, aut
" aliquam partem ejusdem, solvere teneantur, seu quo-
" modolibet artentur, vexentur, artetur, seu vexetur,
" aliquis eorundem: quod si secus [2] attentatum fuerit,
" tunc hujusmodi personæ ecclesiasticæ, et eorum fir-
" marii, a solutione dictæ decimæ, et cujuslibet partis
" ejusdem, excusentur, et ad eam quicquam solvere mi-
" nime teneantur; in quibus stabitur omnino certifica-
" toriis Ordinariorum: proviso insuper, et excepto, quod
" in eventu quo aliquis collector, quoad levandum dic-
" tam decimam, seu aliquam partem ejusdem, deputandus,
" nos, seu Thesaurarium et Barones Scaccarii nostri,
" certificet, per fidem et juramentum suum, quod ipse,
" collector prædictus, decimam, seu aliquam partem ejus-
" dem, de Prioratibus alienigenis, seu aliis personis eccle-
" siasticis quibuscunque, quibus nos per Litteras nostras
" Patentes concessimus, quod ad solutionem decimæ præ-
" dictæ, cum per Prælatos et Clerum concessa fuerit,
" minime solvere teneantur, aut aliis possessionibus, bo-
" nis, seu beneficiis, dictæ Provinciæ quibuscunque, supe-
" rius non exceptis, in quarumcunque manibus, cujuscun-
" que status, gradus, sexus, aut conditionis, fuerint, etiam
" etsi in manibus nostris existant, vel existere contige-
" rint, a tempore dictæ concessionis, et ante ultimam so-
" lutionem ejusdem, levari non possit, aut quomodolibet
" impeditus fuerit, quod tunc collector ipse a collectione

[1] *nichilominus* in MS. | [2] *attemptatum* in MS.

A.D. 1472. " decimæ prædictæ, ejusque partis, de bonis, bene-
" ficiis, et possessionibus illis, totaliter exoneretur, et in
" Scaccario nostro penitus acquietetur; et levatio et
" perceptio hujusmodi ad nos et ministros extunc per-
" tineat, et collector hujusmodi, quicunque fuerit, in ea
" parte omnino sit quietus: proviso insuper, et excepto,
" quod nos pro spiritualibus et temporalibus Ecclesiarum
" Cathedralium et Ecclesiarum Conventualium, regula-
" rium, vel aliarum ecclesiarum quarumcunque, in mani-
" bus nostris, seu firmariorum aut deputatorum nostro-
" rum, tempore collectionis et solutionis dictæ decimæ,
" vel alicujus partis ejusdem, fortasse existentibus, col-
" lectoribus satisfaciemus, seu alias eosdem in Scaccario
" nostro exonerabimus et acquietabimus, exonerarive et
" acquietari faciemus; alioquin allegatione hujusmodi
" collectorum, et juramenti oblatione, in Scaccario nostro
" hujusmodi facta, ipso facto sint exonerati et quieti
" totaliter sine mora: et quod nullus successor in eis-
" dem Cathedralibus, Conventualibus, regularibus, seu
" aliis, ecclesiis supradictis, ad solutionem dictæ decimæ,
" vel alicujus partis ejusdem, oneretur, aut pro eadem
" quovismodo inquietetur: proviso insuper, et excepto,
" quod postquam Ordinarius loci, ubi decima, vel medie-
" tas decimæ hujusmodi, colligenda erit, aliquam perso-
" nam regularem ad collectionem decimæ, seu medietatis
" decimæ, infra suam [1]Dicœcesim, deputaverit, seu assig-
" naverit, et de ipsius nomine Thesaurario et Baronibus
" de Scaccario nostro antedicto certificaverit, quod aliam
" personam ad collectionem et levationem hujusmodi
" decimæ, seu medietatis ejusdem, vel alicujus ejusdem
" partis, præter illam personam regularem sic per Or-
" dinarium loci certificatam, nullatenus onerare seu cer-
" tificare teneatur, litteris de exoneratione levationis
" seu collectionis decimæ, seu medietatis decimæ hujus-
" modi, cuicunque personæ spirituali infra Provinciam
" antedictam, per Litteras nostras Patentes de exonera-

[1] *Diocesim* in MS.

" tione hujusmodi eis factas, seu [1] in posterum facien- A.D. 1472.
" das, non obstantibus quibuscunque : [2] voluerunt in-
" super, et concesserunt, Prælati et Clerus prædicti,
" quod si aliqua persona regularis, onerata et deputata
" per Ordinarium pro collectione et levatione dictæ
" decimæ, seu dimidietatis ejusdem, [3] muniatur litteris
" nostris impetratis, vel impetrandis, pro ejus exonera-
" tione a collectione seu levatione decimæ hujusmodi,
" seu medietatis ejusdem, quod tunc eadem persona
" regularis, ultra dictam decimam, in dicta Convocatione
" concessam, oneretur alia medietate decimæ nobis sol-
" vendæ, in terminis ultimæ solutionis dictæ decimæ
" ultimo concessæ : exceptis etiam a levatione et col-
" lectione dictæ decimæ, et cujuslibet partis ejusdem,
" omnibus et singulis personis, quæ in Inferiori Domo
" dictæ Convocationis, nomine proprio, aut alieno no-
" mine procuratorio, comparuerint et extiterint:—[4] vobis
" mandamus, quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero
" vestræ jurisdictionis exemptæ, pro quibus respondere
" volueritis, ad dictam integram decimam, ad festa
" prædicta solvendam, in eadem jurisdictione vestra,
" juxta formam concessionis prædictæ, levandum et
" colligendum, prout moris est, assignari et deputari
" faciatis ; ita quod nobis de eadem integra decima ad
" eadem Festa, in forma prædicta, respondeatur ; Thesau-
" rario et Baronibus de Scaccario nostro de nominibus
" illorum quos ad hoc deputaveritis, in crastino Sancti
" Michaelis proximo futuro, ad ultimum, distincte et
" aperte certificantes. Et hoc, sicut nos et honorem
" nostrum diligitis, nullatenus omittatis. Teste meipso,
" apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo tertio Julii, anno
" regni nostri duodecimo,—millesimo quadringentesimo
" septuagesimo secundo." [5]

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[1] *imposterum* in MS.

[2] " *Nota* " written in the margin, calling attention to this.

[3] This word is doubtful.

[4] The context is taken up here, as following the words " *septuagesimo tertio*," in lines 21, 22 of page 132, the intermediate matter being parenthetical.

[5] At this point, folio 35 b is left blank.

REGISTRUM VENERABILIS IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI, DOMINI WILLELMI WALYNGFORD, ABBATIS MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, FACTUM ET INCEPTUM QUINTO DIE MENSIS AUGUSTI, ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUADRINGENTESIMO SEPTUAGESIMO SEXTO, ET REGIS EDWARDI QUARTI SEXTO-DECIMO, POST MORTEM, RECOLENDÆ MEMORIÆ, MAGISTRI WILLELMI ALBON, IMMEDIATE ABBATIS IBIDEM.

Littera Certificatoria, missa Domino Regi, de morte præfati Abbatis, et de licentia habenda ad eligendum alium Abbatem.

A.D. 1476. Letter Certificatory, directed by the Prior and Convent of St. Alban's to the King, announcing the death and burial of Abbot William Albon.

" Metuendissimo ac excellentissimo Principi, Domino " Edwardo, Dei gratia, illustri Regi Angliæ et Franciæ, " ac Domino Hiberniæ, devoti vestri, Willelmus, Prior, " et Conventus, vestri monasterii Sancti Albani, omni- " modam reverentiam ac subjectionem, magnifico cum " honore. Excellentiæ vestræ, Serenissime Princeps, præ- " sentibus litteris intimamus, quod, recolendæ memoriæ, " Magister Willelmus Albone, Sacrorum Canonum Doc- " tor, nuper Abbas noster, primo die instantis mensis " Julii, viam universæ carnis est ingressus, ac corpus " ejus, prout decuit, traditum sepulturæ. Ne autem " ecclesia vestra, quæ de nobilium progenitorum ves- " trorum fundatione, et vestro patronatu, existit, diu- " tius remaneat pastoris solatio [1] destituta, ad [2] Majes- " tatem vestram regiam dirigimus dilectos confratres et " commonachos nostros, Willelmum Hardewyke, Sacræ " Theologiæ Bacularium, et Dominum Thomam New- " land, Coquinarium dicti vestri monasterii, latores præ-

[1] *distituta* in MS. | [2] *Magestatem* in MS.

" sentium ; vestræ [1] Celsitudini Regiæ supplicantes, qua- A.D. 1476.
" tinus licentiam eligendi nobis Abbatem liberaliter
" concedatis. Data in Domo nostra Capitulari, sub
" Sigillo nostro [2] Communi, quinto die mensis Julii,
" anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo
" sexto."

Memorandum as to the death of Abbot William Albon, in the Clock-chamber at St. Alban's, and his burial.

[3] Memorandum,—primo die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto,—Littera Dominicalis F,— Magister Willelmus Albone, Decretorum Doctor, nuper Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, diem suum clausit extremum, in camera vocata " Le Clokchambre," infra Monasterium Sancti Albani situata, quasi hora octava in crepusculo ; et die Veneris extunc [4] immediate sequente [5] solemniter sepeliebatur per Reverendum in Christo Patrem, Magistrum [6] Johannem Hunden, Landavensem Episcopum, coram Feretro Sancti Amphibali, in Monasterio prædicto.

Cujus animæ propitietur Deus. Amen.

Litteræ missæ Prioribus subscriptis, videlicet, Priori de Tynemutha, Belvero, Walyngford, Bynham, Hatfeld Peverelle, Herforde, et Redborne, ad interessendum Electioni.

Letters directed to the Priors of the Cells of St. Alban's, requesting their attendance at

" Willelmus, Prior Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci
" Conventus, dilecto sibi confratri in Christo, Johanni,
" Priori de Tinemutha, salutem in Domino sempiternam.
" Cum nuper, recolendæ memoriæ, Willelmo, Abbate
" nostro, primo die mensis Julii instantis, ultimo præ-
" terito, viæ universæ carnis ingresso, ac ipsius corpore,

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[1] *Celcitudini* in MS.
[2] *Comune* in MS.
[3] This entry is below the preceding, in another hand and ink.
[4] *mediate* in MS.
[5] *solempniter* in MS.
[6] See p. 123, *ante*, Note 2.

A.D. 1476. the election of a new Abbot. " prout decuit, tradito sepulturæ, quintum diem mensis " Augusti, immediate sequentem post datam præsentium, " præfixerimus, quo ad electionem futuri Abbatis, in " Capitulo nostro, annuente Domino, procedatur: vos " citamus peremptorie, firmiter injungentes, quatinus " dicto die, in Capitulo prædicto, pro electione fienda, " una nobiscum, personaliter intersitis. Si autem, quod " absit, canonice fueritis impediti, quo [1] commode in- " teresse non poteritis, litteras vestras patentes nobis " super hoc dirigatis, vices vestras alicui, si placet, de " nostris commonachis committentes; alioquin nos, dic- " tis die et loco, ad electionem fiendam, non expectata " vestra præsentia, procedemus. Data in Monasterio " nostro de Sancto Albano, sub Sigillo nostro Com- " muni, tertio-decimo die Julii, anno Domini millesimo " quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto."

Forma Electionis.

Election of William Walingforde, the Prior, as Abbot of St. Alban's. " In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum in- " strumentum cunctis appareat evidenter, quod anno " Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo " sexto, Indictione nona, Pontificatus Sanctissimi in " Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Sixti, Divina " Providentia, Papæ, Quarti, anno quinto, mensis vero " Augusti die quinto, in Domo Capitulari Monasterii " Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, infra [2] Dioe- " cesim Lincolniensem, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate sub- " jecti, constituti personaliter, et Capitulariter congregati, " venerabiles et religiosi viri, [3] Dompni Willelmus Wa- " lingford, Prior, Johannes Peiton, Decretorum Doctor, " Ricardus Waltham, Thomas Blakenale, Thomas Wit- " tone, Camerarius, Thomas Walingford, [4] Sub-Eleemo- " synarius, Willelmus Goodrede, Custos Feretri, Wil-

[1] *quomode* in MS.
[2] *Diocesim* in MS.
[3] See p. 61 *ante*, Note 8.
[4] *Subelemosinarius* in MS.

" lelmus Shroesbury, Willelmus Hardewicke, in Sacra A.D. 1476.
" Theologia Bacularius, Willelmus Newenham, Sacrista,
" Thomas Newlond, Coquinarius, Thomas Roose, Sup-
" prior, Willelmus Lichefelde, Willelmus Howdone, Primus
" Scrutator, Johannes Roothbury, Johannes Pontesbury,
" Secundus Scrutator, Johannes Pavor, [1] Nicolaus Bos-
" tone, Cellerarius, [1] Nicolaus Kirkeby, Johannes Hert-
" ford, Sub-Infirmarius, Henricus Martyne, Antonius
" Souche, Sub-Cellerarius, Thomas Ramrugge, Tertius
" Prior, Robertus Tynemouthe, Willelmus Whelpeley,
" Johannes Wolmanne, Johannes Slethe, Thomas Hauke,
" Sub-Refectorarius, Ricardus Ronham, Tertius Scru-
" tator, Johannes Maynarde, Thomas Loring, Willelmus
" Malehurst, Thomas Auncelle, Johannes Bouster, Jo-
" hannes Hanrede, Johannes Strenger, Ricardus Chambre,
" Willelmus Andrew, Thomas Baily, Thomas Sudbury,
" Adam Gelebrond, Roberthus Netilham, et Willelmus
" Baarne, commonachi et confratres, ut asseruerunt,
" Domus, sive Monasterii, prædicti, ac Ordinem prædic-
" tum in eodem expresse professi, Capitulum dicti
" monasterii tunc etiam, ut asseruerunt, ad effectum
" infrascriptum, facientes, vacante pro tunc monasterio
" prædicto per mortem naturalem [2] Dompni Willelmi
" Albon, ultimi Abbatis ejusdem, ac pastoris solatio
" destituto, infra tempus eligendi a jure concessum
" etiam, ut asseruerunt, existentes ; petita etiam, ut
" asseruerunt, tunc ibidem ab Excellentissimo in Christo
" Principe et Domino, Domino Edwardo, Dei gratia,
" Rege [3] [Angliæ] et Franciæ, et Domino Hiberniæ,
" præfati monasterii Fundatore et Patrono, alium sibi
" eligendi in Abbatem et pastorem, concessa, licentia,
" pariter et obtenta ; prælibatus Venerabilis vir, Do-
" minus Willelmus Walingforde, Prior ac Præsidens
" Capituli monasterii supradicti, post tractatus habitos

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[1] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[2] See p. 61, *ante*, Note 8.
[3] Omitted in MS.

A.D. 1476. " de sepultura Domini Willelmi Albone, ultimi ejus-
" dem monasterii Abbatis, et quomodo corpus ipsius
" Willelmi Abbatis sacræ tradebatur sepulturæ; ne dic-
" tum monasterium, propter ipsius diutinam vacatio-
" nem, in spiritualibus et temporalibus gravia patiatur
" incommoda, ad electionem futuri Abbatis dicti monas-
" terii, una cum suis superius nominatis commonachis
" et confratribus, aliisque quibuscunque jus et voces in
" hujusmodi celebranda electione habentibus, procedere
" proponens, sibi ipsi, ac cæteris omnibus superius no-
" minatis commonachis et confratribus suis, tunc ibidem
" præsentibus, ac quibuscunque aliis tunc absentibus,
" jus et voces in hujusmodi electione futuri Abbatis
" celebranda habentibus, seu se habere prætendentibus,
" qui in hujusmodi electionis negotio vellent, possent,
" et deberent, [1] commode interesse; diem Lunæ, vide-
" licet, quintum diem mensis Augusti extunc proxime
" [2] sequentem, ac Domum Capitularem prædictam, cum
" continuatione et prorogatione dierum, horarum, et
" locorum, si oporteret, in ea parte fienda et habenda,
" ad electionem futuri Abbatis dicti monasterii tunc
" ibidem faciendam et celebrandam, pro loco et termino
" competentibus, de unanimi assensu, pariter et consensu,
" omnium et singulorum tunc ibidem præsentium com-
" monachorum et confratrum suorum, in mei, Johannis
" Bevile, Notarii Publici subscripti, necnon Magistri
" Johannis Botley, in Decretis Bacallarii, ac Dominorum
" Thomæ Hemyngham et Johannis Wellis, Capellano-
" rum, testium ad hoc vocatorum, præsentia, præfixit,
" pariter et assignavit; dictosque omnes hujusmodi ab-
" sentes ad diem et locum præscriptos, et ad effectum
" supradictum, citandos fore decrevit, ad comparendum
" et procedendum in hujusmodi electionis negotio, usque
" ad finalem ejusdem expeditionem, juxta juris exigen-
" tiam, et negotii ipsius qualitatem.

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[1] *comode* in MS. | [2] *sequente* in MS.

" Quo quidem quinto die mensis Augusti, anno Do- A.D. 1476.
" mini, Indictione, Pontificatuque, prædictis, adveniente,
" in mei, ejusdem Johannis Bevile, Notarii Publici
" supra et sub-scripti, ac discretorum virorum, Magistri
" Johannis Boteley, in Decretis Bacularii, necnon Do-
" minorum Johannis Powlynne et Johannis Wellis,
" Capellanorum, Norwicensis et Lincolniensis [1] Diœce-
" sis, testium ad hoc vocatorum, ac specialiter rogato-
" rum, præsentia, Missa de Sancto Spiritu, ad summum
" altare Ecclesiæ Conventualis Monasterii antedicti, per
" Venerabilem virum, Dominum Willelmum Walingford,
" Priorem dicti Monasterii, coram monachis et confra-
" tribus ejusdem, [2] solemniter celebrata et finita, cam-
" panaque ad Capitulum congregandum, prout moris
" est, fuerat pulsata; deindeque, eodem quinto die men-
" sis Augusti, in præfata Domo Capitulari, in mei,
" supra et sub-scripti, Johannis Bevile, Notarii Publici,
" necnon testium supra proximo præmemoratorum, ad
" infra scripta vocatorum, ac specialiter rogatorum, præ-
" sentia,—præfati, Dominus Willelmus Walingford, Prior,
" Johannes Peyton, Decretorum Doctor, Johannes
" Langtone, Prior de Tynemutha, Johannes Myddel-
" tone, gistarius, Robertus Crofton, Custos Monialium,
" Johannes Thorntone, Prior de Hatfelde, Ricardus
" Waltham, gistarius, Thomas Blaknale, Thomas Albon,
" Prior de Redborn, Thomas Wyttone, Camerarius,
" Thomas Walingford, [3] Sub-Eleemosynarius, Willelmus
" Goderede, Feretarius, Thomas Walden, Willelmus
" Shrewisbury, Johannes Hatfeld, Prior de Belvero,
" Galfridus Louth, Hostilarius, Ricardus Lamplew, Prior
" de Hertford, Willelmus Hardewike, in Theologia
" Bacallarius, Willelmus Newman, Sacrista, Thomas
" Newland, Coquinarius, Willelmus Lychefeld, Thesau-
" rarius Conventus, Johannes Roose, Supprior, Rogerus

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *solempniter* in MS.
[3] *Sub-Elemosinarius* in MS.

A.D. 1476. " Torperley, Præcentor, Willelmus Dixwelle, Prior de
" Binham, Willelmus Harden, Primus Scrutator, Johan-
" nes Rothbury, Johannes Pontesbury, Succentor, Jo-
" hannes Pavor, [1] Nicolaus Bostone, Cellerarius, [1] Nico-
" laus Kyrkeby, Johannes Hertford, Sub-Infirmarius,
" Henricus Martynne, Willelmus Risbourghe, Prior de
" Walingford, Antonius Souche, Sub-Cellerarius, Tho-
" mas Ramrugge, Robertus Tynemouthe, Radulphus
" Roose, Prior de Pembroke, Willelmus Whelpley, Jo-
" hannes Wolman, Ricardus Harman, Johannes Slethe,
" Thomas Hawke, Sub-Refectorarius, Ricardus Runham,
" Johannes Maynard, Thomas Loring, Willelmus Male-
" hurst, Thomas Auncelle, Johannes Bensted, Johannes
" Henrede, Johannes Strenger, Ricardus Chambre, Wil-
" lelmus Andrew, Thomas Baily, Thomas Sudbury,
" Adam Gelibrond, Robertus Nettilham, et Willelmus
" Baron, commonachi et confratres monasterii antedicti,
" ac Ordinem prædictam in eodem monasterio, ut asse-
" ruerunt, tunc ibidem expresse professi, Capitulariter
" congregati fuerunt, et Capitulum fecerunt. Et con-
" sequenter, tunc discretus vir Dominus Johannes Wol-
" manne, [2] præinsertus, coram aliis suis confratribus
" prædictis, [3] solemnem in Latinis fecit Sermonem, cujus
" thema erat, — 'Elegerunt.' Quo quidem Sermone
" finito, [4] Hymnoque 'Veni Creator, Spiritus,' cum Ver-
" siculo et Collecta sequente, de Spiritu Sancto, devote
" decantato, præfati Prior et Præsidens, et cæteri omnes
" et singuli proximo præinserti, ac sic, ut præmittitur,
" et ad effectum prædictum, ibidem Capitulariter con-
" gregati, Venerabiles viros, Magistrum Johannem Cooke
" et Johannem Newoort, Legum Doctores, tunc ibidem
" præsentes, in hujusmodi electione negotii directores
" et consiliatores, meque, præfatum Johannem Bevile,

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[1] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[2] *preincertus* in MS.
[3] *solempnem* in MS.
[4] *Ympnoque* in MS.

" Notarium Publicum, in actorum scribam, ac præfatos, A.D. 1476.
" Magistrum Johannem Boteley, ac Dominum Johannem
" Powlyne, et Johannem Wellis, Capellanos, in testes,
" nominarunt, [1] elegerunt, atque assumpserunt, ac cum
" ipsis fecerunt inibi remanere. Ipsisque sic peractis,
" necnon præconisationibus de dictorum Prioris et Præ-
" sidentis ac Conventus mandato, ad ostium Domus
" Capitularis antedictæ, de quibuscunque in hujusmodi
" electionis negotio aliquod interesse prætendentibus se
" habere, quod tunc venirent, et, una cum dictis Priore
" et Conventu, juxta juris exigentiam, admitterentur in
" hujusmodi electionis negotio debite processuro, palam
" et publice factis,—comparuit tunc ibidem discretus
" vir, præfatus Dominus Willelmus Shrewisbury, mona-
" chus monasterii antedicti, ac quoddam procurationis
" suæ mandatum, in scriptis redactum, ac signo et sub-
" scriptione mei, Johannis Bevile, Notarii Publici ante-
" dicti, signatum et subscriptum, pro quodam Domino
" Roberto Ownesby, monacho monasterii antedicti, tunc
" a dicto Domo Capitulari absente, realiter exhibuit,
" ac partem se fecit pro eodem. Cujus quidem procu-
" rationis mandati tenor sequitur, et est talis.—

" ' In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum Letter of proxy of Robert Ownesby, a monk, then absent.
" ' instrumentum [2] cunctis appareat evidenter, quod
" ' anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuage-
" ' simo sexto, Indictione nona, Pontificatus Sanctissimi
" ' in Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Sixti,
" ' Divina Providentia, Papæ, Quarti, anno quinto, men-
" ' sis Augusti die quinta, hora septima ante meridiem
" ' ejusdem diei, in camera discreti viri Domini Roberti
" ' Ownesby, monachi Monasterii Sancti Albani, [3] infra
" ' [4] Diœcesim [5] Lincolniensem, infra dictum monaste-
" ' rium situata, meique, Notarii Publici subscripti, ac

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[1] *eligerunt* in MS.
[2] *cuntis* in MS.
[3] These two words are repeated in MS.
[4] *Diocesim* in MS.
[5] *Londoniensem* in MS., with *Lin'* above it.

A.D. 1476. " ' testium infrascriptorum, præsentia, constitutus per-
" ' sonaliter, idem Dominus Robertus Ownesby, mona-
" ' chus dicti monasterii, ac [1] adversa valitudine deten-
" ' tum se dicens, dilectum sibi in Christo, Dominum
" ' Willelmum Shrewisbury, commonachum et confratrem
" ' suum, suum verum, certum, et [2] legitimum, attorna-
" ' tum, nominavit, ordinavit, fecit, et constituit, pro-
" ' curatorem, actorem, factorem, ac negotiorum gesto-
" ' rem suorum, et nuncium specialem; deditque et
" ' concessit idem constituens præfato suo procuratori
" ' potestatem generalem, ac mandatum speciale, pro
" ' ipso constituente, et nomine suo, in electionem fu-
" ' turi Abbatis dicti monasterii, pro tunc, ut asseruit,
" ' per mortem naturalem Domini Willelmi Albone,
" ' ultimi Abbatis ejusdem monasterii, vacantis, Deo
" ' dante, eodem die in Domo Capitulari præfati mo-
" ' nasterii celebrandam, comparendi et interessendi, ac
" ' quemcunque virum [3] idoneum, monachum ejusdem
" ' monasterii, in ipsius monasterii Abbatem et pasto-
" ' rem nominandi, et eligendi in Abbatem, ac electio-
" ' nem, sic faciendam, clero et populo publicari et
" ' declarari faciendi; necnon electionis negotium ipsum
" ' usque ad ipsius debitum et finalem expeditionem
" ' debite prosequendi, pertractandi, et finiendi; [4] con-
" ' sensumque et assensum dicti electi electioni suæ
" ' præberi requirendi, petendi, et obtinendi, cæteraque
" ' omnia et singula faciendi, exercendi, et expediendi,
" ' quæ in præmissis, ac circa ea, necessaria fuerint, seu
" ' quomodolibet [5] opportuna, licet mandatum de se
" ' exigant magis speciale quam præsentibus est expres-
" ' sum, et quæ præfatus constituens faceret, exerceret,
" ' vel expediret, si in præmissis [6] personaliter interesset.
" ' Promisitque insuper idem constituens [7] mihi, Notario

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[1] *advarsa* in MS.
[2] *legittimum* in MS.
[3] *ydonium* in MS.
[4] *concensumque* in MS.
[5] *oportuna* in MS.
[6] *parsonaliter* in MS.
[7] *michi* in MS.

" ' Publico subscripto, vice et nomine omnium et sin- A.D. 1476.
" ' gulorum, quorum interest, publice et solemniter sti-
" ' pulanti et recipienti, se ratum, gratum, atque fixum,
" ' perpetuo habiturum totum et quicquid præfatus
" ' procurator suus fecerit in præmissis, aut aliquo præ-
" ' missorum, sub [1] hypotheca et obligatione omnium
" ' bonorum suorum; et in ea parte exposuit [2] cautio-
" ' nem tunc ibidem. Acta fuerunt hæc omnia et sin-
" ' gula, prout supra scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno
" ' Domini, Indictione, Pontificatu, mense, die et loco,
" ' et hora, prædictis, præsentibus tunc ibidem, discretis
" ' viris, Dominis Thoma Hemyngforde et Johanne
" ' Wellis, Capellanis Lincolniensis [3] Dicœcesis, testibus
" ' ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis. Et ego,
" ' Johannes Bevile, clericus Londoniensis, Publicus,
" ' auctoritate Apostolica, Notarius, quia præfatis con-
" ' stitutionibus et ordinationibus, ac potestatis datio-
" ' nibus, cæterisque præmissis omnibus et singulis,
" ' dum, sicut præmittitur, sub anno Domini, Indictione,
" ' Pontificatu, mense, die, loco, et hora, prædictis age-
" ' bantur et fiebant, una cum prænominatis testibus,
" ' præsens, [4] personaliter interfui, ea omnia et singula
" ' fieri vidi et audivi, ideo hoc præsens publicum
" ' instrumentum, manu mea propria fideliter scriptum,
" ' inde confeci, subscripsi, publicavi, et in hanc publi-
" ' cam formam redegi, ac signo et nomine meis solitis
" ' et consuetis signavi, rogatus et requisitus, in fidem
" ' et testimonium omnium et singulorum præmissorum.'

" Et incontinenti, tunc ibidem, Dominus Thomas
" Roose, pro quodam Domino Johanne Wellis, monacho
" ejusdem monasterii, ab eadem Domo Capitulari tunc
" absente, comparuit, ac mandatum procurationis suæ,
" in hac parte, in forma instrumenti publici, desuper
" confecti, signo et subscriptione mei, ejusdem Johannis

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[1] *ipoteca* in MS.
[2] *causionem* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *parsonaliter* in MS.

A.D. 1476. " Bevile, Notarii Publici, solitis et consuetis, signatum,
" pariter et subscriptum, tunc ibidem realiter apparuit,
" [1] exhibuit, et se fecit partem pro eodem. Cujus quidem
" procurationis mandati tenor sequitur, et est talis.—

Letter of proxy of John Wellis, a monk, then absent.

" ' In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum
" ' instrumentum [2] cunctis appareat evidenter, quod
" ' anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuage-
" ' simo sexto, Indictione nona, Pontificatus [3] Sanctis-
" ' simi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini
" ' Sixti, Divina Providentia, Papæ, Quarti, anno quinto,
" ' mensis vero Augusti die quinta, hora septima ante
" ' meridiem ejusdem diei, in quadam bassa camera
" ' Domini Johannis Wellis, monachi Monasterii Sancti
" ' Albani, infra [4] Diœcesim Lincolniensem, infra idem
" ' monasterium situata, meique, Notarii Publici, ac
" ' testium infrascriptorum, præsentia, constitutus [5] per-
" ' sonaliter, idem Dominus Johannes, monachus, tunc
" ' ibidem, ut asseruit, et prout [6] mihi, Notario Pub-
" ' lico subscripto, apparuit, adversa valitudine deten-
" ' tus, dilectum sibi in Christo, Dompnum Thomam
" ' Roose, commonachum et confratrem suum, suum
" ' verum et [7] legitimum nominavit et constituit pro-
" ' curatorem, actorem, factorem, et negotiorum gesto-
" ' rem, ac nuncium specialem ; deditque et concessit
" ' ipse constituens prænominato suo procuratori potes-
" ' tatem generalem, ac mandatum speciale, pro ipso
" ' constituente, et nomine suo, in electionem futuri
" ' Abbatis dicti monasterii, tunc, ut asseruit, per mor-
" ' tem naturalem Dompni Willelmi Albone, ultimi
" ' ejusdem monasterii Abbatis, vacantis, Deo dante,
" ' ipso die in Domo Capitulari præfati monasterii
" ' celebrandam, comparendi et interessendi, ac quemcun-
" ' que virum [8] idoneum, monachum ejusdem monasterii,

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[1] *exibuit* in MS.
[2] *cuntis* in MS.
[3] *Santissimi* in MS.
[4] *Diocesim* in MS.
[5] *parsonaliter* in MS.
[6] *michi* in MS.
[7] *legittimum* in MS.
[8] *ydonium* in MS.

" ' in ipsius monasterii Abbatem et pastorem nominandi A.D. 1476.
" ' et eligendi, ac electionem sic faciendam clero et populo
" ' publicari ac declarari faciendi; necnon electionis ne-
" ' gotium ipsum usque ad ipsius debitam et finalem
" ' expeditionem debite prosequendi, pertractandi, et
" ' finiendi; [1] consensumque et assensum dicti electi elec-
" ' tioni ipsi præberi requirendi, petendi, et obtinendi,
" ' cæteraque omnia et singula faciendi, exercendi, et
" ' expediendi, quæ in præmissis, ac circa ea, necessaria
" ' fuerint, seu quomodolibet [2] opportuna, licet mandatum
" ' de se exigant magis speciale quam præsentibus est ex-
" ' pressum, et quæ præfatus constituens faceret, exerce-
" ' ret, sive expediret, si in præmissis personaliter inter-
" ' esset. Promisitque insuper prænominatus constituens
" ' mihi, Publico Notario subscripto, vice et nomine
" ' omnium et singulorum, quorum interest in hac
" ' parte, publice et [3] solemniter stipulanti et recipienti,
" ' se ratum, gratum, et firmum, perpetuo habiturum
" ' totum et quicquid præfatus procurator suus fecerit
" ' in præmissis, aut aliquo præmissorum, sub [4] hypo-
" ' theca et obligatione omnium bonorum suorum; et in
" ' ea parte posuit cautionem tunc ibidem. Acta fuerunt
" ' hæc omnia et singula, [5] prout supra scribuntur et
" ' recitantur, sub anno Domini, Indictione, Pontificatu,
" ' mense, die, et loco, et hora, supra specificatis, præ-
" ' sentibus tunc ibidem, discretis viris, Dominis Thoma
" ' Hemyngforth ac Johanne Wellis, Capellanis, Lincol-
" ' niensis [6] Diœcesis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis spe-
" ' cialiter, et rogatis. Et ego, Johannes Bevile, Clericus
" ' Londoniensis, Publicus, auctoritate Apostolica, Nota-
" ' rius, quia constitutionis ac potestatis dationi et con-
" ' cessioni, cæterisque præmissis omnibus et singulis,
" ' dum, sicut præmittitur, sub anno Domini, Indictione,

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[1] *concensumque* in MS.
[2] *oportuna* in MS.
[3] *solempniter* in MS.
[4] *ypoteca* in MS.
[5] "*fuerunt hæc omnia et singula*" is repeated here, by mistake.
[6] *Diocesis* in MS.

A.D. 1476. " ' Pontificatu, mense, die, loco, et hora, prædictis, age-
" ' bantur et fiebant, una cum prænominatis testibus,
" ' præsens personaliter interfui, eaque omnia et singula
" ' sic fieri vidi et audivi, ideo hoc præsens publicum
" ' instrumentum, manu mea propria fideliter scriptum,
" ' inde confeci, subscripsi, publicavi, et in hanc formam
" ' redegi, ac signo et nomine meis solitis et consuetis
" ' signavi, rogatus et requisitus, in fidem et testimo-
" ' nium omnium et singulorum præmissorum.'

" Quibus sic gestis, comparuit tunc ibidem Dominus
" Johannes Roothbury, superius nominatus, monachus,
" ac Venerabilis viri, Domini Johannis Langtone, Prio-
" ris de Tynemutha, tunc a Domo Capitulari prædicta
" absentis, procuratorem se dicens, procurationis suæ
" mandatum in scriptis, Sigillo suo, quoad Causas [1] utili,
" ut apparuit, sigillatum, tunc ibidem realiter exhibuit,
" et se partem fecit pro eodem. Cujus quidem procu-
" rationis mandati tenor talis est :—

Letter of proxy of John Langtone, Prior of Tynemouth, then absent, through infirmity.

" ' Reverendis in Christo Patribus ac Dominis,
" ' Dompno Priori de Sancto Albano, et ejusdem loci
" ' Sacrosancto Conventui, eorum filius humilis et de-
" ' votus, Frater Johannes Langtone, Prior de Tinemutha,
" ' obedientiam, cum summa reverentia et honore, tan-
" ' tis patribus debitis et debendis. Vestræ Sanctitati
" ' appareat per præsentes, quod cum nuper litteram
" ' vestri sacri Collegii [2] mihi, sede vacante per obitum
" ' Venerabilis nostri Patris, Domini Willelmi Albon,
" ' transmissam, pro nova electione, diligenter inspexi,
" ' et eam omnimoda reverentia recepi ; pro qua quidem
" ' electione, utpote patet vestro sub sigillo in scriptis
" ' [2] mihi dudum directis, quintum diem mensis Augusti
" ' proxime sequentem post datam præsentium per illa
" ' intellexi vos præfixisse : [3] sed verum, quia, tam senec-
" ' tute quam debilitate diutius jam vexatus, præfixo

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[1] *util* in MS.
[2] *michi* in MS.
[3] *set* in MS. He is named as being present, in p. 145 *ante*.

" ' [1] mihi termino ad præsens [2] personaliter interesse A.D. 1476.
" ' nequeo, idcirco dilectum mihi in Christo, Dominum
" ' Johannem Roothbury, prædicti monasterii nostrum
" ' confratrem, facio et constituo per præsentes procu-
" ' ratorem meum [3] legitimum, dans et concedens ei
" ' potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale, nomine
" ' meo, et pro me, ad agendum et respondendum, vel,
" ' quicquid actum fuerit circa præsentem electionem,
" ' ut ipse meas vices supplere valeat in hac parte;
" ' necnon omnia alia et singula faciendum, exercen-
" ' dum, et expediendum, quæ in præmissis, seu circa
" ' ea, necessaria fuerint, seu quomodolibet [4] opportuna,
" ' etiamsi mandatum de se magis exigant speciale;
" ' promittens ratum, gratum, et firmum, pro perpetuo
" ' habiturum, quicquid per dictum procuratorem gestum
" ' vel actum fuerit in præmissis. In quorum omnium
" ' et singulorum fidem, et testimonium præmissorum,
" ' Sigillum meum ad Causas præsentibus duxi appo-
" ' nendum. Data apud Cellam de Tynemutha, vicesimo
" ' die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quadringen-
" ' tesimo sexto.'

" Et incontinenti post præmissa præfatus Dominus
" Willelmus Walingford, Prior ac Præsidens prædictus,
" vice sua, ac vice et nomine omnium et singulorum
" fratrum suorum, monachorum prædictorum, tunc ibi-
" dem existentium, Capitulum, sive Conventum, dicti
" monasterii, ut tunc ibidem asseruerunt, plene facien-
" tium, et de mandato eorundem, eidem expresse facto,
" decrevit ulterius fore procedendum in [5] negotio elec-
" tionis prædictæ usque ad finalem expeditionem ejus-
" dem; omnium aliorum, ut præfertur, præconisatorum,
" et non comparentium, si qui tales fuerint, absentiis
" in aliquo non obstantibus; quasdamque monitionem

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[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *parsonaliter* in MS.
[3] *legittimum* in MS.
[4] *oportuna* in MS.
[5] *negotione*, apparently, in MS.

A.D. 1476. " et protestationem, simul in scriptis redactas, tunc fecit,
" legit, et interposuit, sub eo, qui sequitur, tenore ver-
" borum.—

" ' In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego, Willelmus Waling-
" ' forde, Prior ac Præsidens hujus Capituli, vice mea,
" ' ac omnium et singulorum confratrum et common-
" ' achorum meorum, hic Capitulariter congregatorum,
" ' et Capitulum facientium, moneo omnes et singulos
" ' excommunicatos, suspensos, et etiam interdictos, ac
" ' quoscunque alios, si qui forsan hic sint, qui de
" ' jure seu consuetudine, vel quavis alia ratione, in
" ' instantis electionis negotio de futuro Abbate hujus
" ' monasterii, Dei præsidio, celebrandæ, interesse non
" ' debeant, quod a Domo nostro Capitulari, et hoc
" ' nostro Capitulo, recedant, meque, et alios commona-
" ' chos et confratres meos, jus et voces in hujusmodi
" ' electionis negotio habentes, libere eligere permit-
" ' tentes; protestans omnibus modo et forma, ac via,
" ' melioribus, quibus utilius et efficacius potero, nomine
" ' meo, ac vice et nomine omnium et singulorum confra-
" ' trum meorum prædictorum, hic præsentium, ac jus et
" ' voces in isto electionis negotio habentium, quod non
" ' est mei, vel eorum, intentio, seu voluntas, tales admit-
" ' tere, tanquam jus seu voces in hujusmodi electione
" ' habentes, procedere, seu eligere, cum eisdem. [1] Immo,
" ' volo, et quilibet nostrum vult, quod [2] * * *.

Privatum Sigillum super [3] *consensu regio facto tam dicto Electo quam Electioni; et pro restitutione Temporalium sibi.*

Writ under the Privy Seal, for " Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et
" Dominus Hiberniæ, Reverendo in Christo Patri,

[1] *Ymo* in MS.

[2] At this point, (the end of folio 37 b,) a leaf or leaves are wanting, and the full particulars of the election of Abbot William Walingforde are unknown. See, in reference to this fact, Vol. I. Introd. Note 3, p. xv. From pp. 155 and 158 *post*, we learn that the election was unanimous.

[3] *concensu* in MS.

" Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Cancellario nostro, A.D. 1476.
" salutem. Cum dilecti nobis in Christo, Prior et Con- the restitu-
" ventus Monasterii de Sancto Albano, Ordinis Sancti tion of tem-
" Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1] Dicœcesis, nobis intimarunt, poralities to the Ab-
" quod, vacante nuper monasterio prædicto, per mortem, bot elect.
" recolendæ memoriæ, Magistri Willelmi Albon, ultimi
" Abbatis ejusdem,—petita a nobis primitus licentia
" alium eligendi in eorum Abbatem et pastorem, et
" per nos concessa,—Venerabilem et circumspectum
" virum, Fratrem Willelmum Walingford, commo-
" nachum et confratrem suum, in eorum et dicti
" monasterii Abbatem unanimiter canonice elegerunt,
" et pastorem; [2] humillime supplicantes, quatinus præ-
" fatæ electioni nostrum [3] consensum regium liberaliter
" adhibere dignaremur, prout per litteras dictorum
" Prioris et Conventus, quas vobis destinamus, præ-
" sentibus interclusas, plene liquet:—Nos igitur, hujus-
" modi supplicationi favorabiliter inclinati, tam dictæ
" electioni, quam electo, regium nostrum [3] consensum,
" pariter et assensum, adhibuimus [4] [et] adhibemus, et
" favorem, et fidelitatem ipsius electi cepimus; tempo-
" raliaque monasterii prædicti, cum pertinentiis, resti-
" tuimus eidem. Quare vobis mandamus, quod litteras
" nostras, sub Magno Sigillo nostro, super dicto [5] consensu
" nostro, ac brevia pro restitutione dictorum tempo-
" ralium eidem electo, fieri faciatis in debita forma, et
" consimili casu [6] consueta. Data sub Privato Sigillo
" nostro, apud Foderinghay, septimo die Augusti, anno
" regni nostri sexto-decimo."

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *humilime* in MS.
[3] *concensum* in MS.
[4] Omlited in MS.
[5] *concensu* in MS.
[6] *consuta* in MS.

Breve regium, directum omnibus tenentibus dicti Abbatis, quod fiant intendentes et respondentes sibi, sic electo.

A.D. 1476. Writ directed to the tenants of the Abbot, enjoining due obedience.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et " Dominus Hiberniæ, militibus, liberis hominibus, et " omnibus aliis tenentibus, de Abbathia Sancti Albani, " salutem. Cum per Sedem Apostolicam Conventui " Monasterii Sancti Albani, Romanæ Ecclesiæ, nullo " medio, pertinentis, sit indultum, quod omnes et sin- " guli dicti Conventus, qui successive pro tempore in " Abbatem dicti monasterii, cum vacabitur, per ipsum " Conventum canonice electi fuerint, statim eo [1] ipso " sint vere electi et confirmati, et pro talibus habe- " antur et [2] censeantur; ac proinde administrare, " curam animarum gerere, et omnia et singula, quæ " ad curam, administrationem, et regimen, dicti mo- " nasterii pertinent, libere facere et exercere possint, " acsi per Sedem Apostolicam [3] legitime eorum electio " confirmata foret: et quod tam hujusmodi Abbates, " per dictum Conventum electi, absque aliqua alia " confirmatione, quam illi etiam quos per dictam Sedem " eidem monasterio quocunque modo præfici conti- " gerit in Abbates, licite a quocunque voluerint Anti- " stite, gratiam et communionem dictæ Sedis habente, " valeant benedici, prout in dictis litteris bullatis dictæ " Sedis Apostolicæ, coram nobis ostensis, vidimus ple- " nius contineri:—Nos igitur electionem de Venerabili " viro Willelmo Walingford, nuper Priore ejusdem " monasterii, jam per mortem Fratris Willelmi Albon, " ultimi Abbatis ejusdem loci, vacantis, et per Con- " ventum prædictum in Abbatem loci illius, licentia " nostra ad hoc petita primitus, et obtenta, electo, et " per dictam Sedem Apostolicam sic confirmato, ac- " ceptantes, eisdem electioni et electo regium nostrum

[1] *ipsi* in MS.
[2] *cenceantur* in MS.
[3] *legittime* in MS.

" assensum adhibuimus, et favorem, fidelitatemque A.D. 1476.
" ipsius electi, sic confirmati, nobis, pro temporalibus
" præfati monasterii, in manu nostra, ratione ultimæ
" vacationis, existentibus, debite accepimus, temporalia-
" que monasterii prædicti, cum pertinentiis, restitui-
" mus eidem. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod eidem
" Willelmo Walingford, tanquam Abbati et domino
" vestro, in omnibus quæ ad Abbathiam prædictam
" pertinent, intendentes sitis, et respondentes, sicut
" prædictum est. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras
" nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud
" [1] Bugden, nono die Augusti, anno regni nostro sexto-
" decimo."

Littera Certificatoria missa Domino Regi, de Domino Abbate noviter electo.

" Excellentissimo, metuendissimo in Christoque, Prin- Letter Certificatory sent to the King by the Sub-Prior and Convent of St. Alban's, notifying the election of William Walingforde as Abbot.
" cipi et Domino, Domino nostro, Edwardo, Regi An-
" gliæ et Franciæ, et Hyberniæ Domino, nostro ac
" Monasterii nostri infrascripti Fundatori et Patrono
" gratiosissimo, vestri humiles et devoti oratores, Thomas
" Roose, Sub-Prior Monasterii vestri Sancti Albani,
" Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjecti, et ejusdem loci
" Conventus, salutem in Eo per Quem reges regnant,
" et principes dominantur. Vestræ Regiæ [2] Celsitudini,
" tenore præsentium, intimamus, quod, monasterio ves-
" tro prædicto nuper, per mortem naturalem Venerabilis
" confratris nostri, Willelmi Albone, ultimi Abbatis
" ejusdem, vacante, et boni pastoris solatio destituto,
" corporeque ejusdem ultimi Abbatis ecclesiasticæ tra-
" dito sepulturæ, necnon petita per nos a vestra regia
" [3] Majestate alium nobis eligendi in Abbatem licentia,
" concessa, pariter et obtenta, quinto die mensis instan-

[1] Now Buckden, in Huntingdonshire.

[2] *Celcitudini* in MS.

[3] *Magestate* in MS.

A.D. 1476. " tis Augusti pro electione futuri Abbatis monasterii
" vestri antedicti per nos alios præfixo et assignato, in
" negotio electionis hujusmodi, pleno Capitulo, riteque
" et [1] legitime procedentes, Venerabilem confratrem
" nostrum, Willelmum Walingforde, tunc Priorem mo-
" nasterii prædicti, virum utique providum et discretum,
" dicto vestro monasterio utilem et necessarium, jura
" dicti monasterii valentem sufficienter defendere et
" tueri, Spiritus Sancti gratia, ut firmiter credimus,
" inspirante, unanimiter et una voce, per viam Spiritus
" Sancti, in nostrum, ac dicti monasterii nostri, nomi-
" navimus et elegimus [2] Abbatem et pastorem. Quem
" per discretum virum, Willelmum Hardewik, Sacræ
" Theologiæ Bacallarium, nostrum confratrem, et pro-
" curatorem nominatum, vestræ Regiæ [3] Majestati præ-
" sentamus, eandem vestram regiam [4] Majestatem hu-
" militer, et cum subjectionis honore, supplicantes, qua-
" tinus præfatum electum, et jure electionis hujusmodi,
" de se, ut præfertur, factæ, ex Sedis Apostolicæ gratia
" [5] indulta, confirmatum, ad fidelitatem et homagium
" vestræ Regiæ Celsitudini, in hac parte, præstandum,
" recipere et admittere, necnon temporalia dicti monas-
" terii sibi liberari, ipsumque in realem possessionem
" eorundem poni et indui, facere et mandare, cætera-
" que in hac parte fieri solita et consueta peragere,
" dignemini gratiose, ob Dei Omnipotentis reverentiam
" et honorem, Qui diu vos feliciter regnare faciat, et
" vestris regat ac protegat singulis in agendis. Data in
" Capitulo Monasterii prædicti, sub sigillo nostro com-
" muni, sexto die mensis Augusti, anno millesimo
" quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto."

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[1] *legittime* in MS.
[2] *in Abbatem* in MS.
[3] *Magestati* in MS.
[4] *Magestatem* in MS.
[5] This word is obscure, from being blotted.

A.D. 1476. Memorandum as to the election of the Abbot, and the duration of his Abbacy.

Memorandum.—Quinto die mensis Augusti, videlicet, in die Lunæ, Littera Dominicalis F, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto, fuit electio; et tunc electus fuit Willelmus Walingforde in Abbatem, ut prædicitur; qui fuit Prior Monasterii ultra undecim annos *et cætera.*

He does fealty to the King.

Die Martis, sexto Augusti, immediate sequente, idem Dominus Abbas equitavit a Sancto Albano ad Dominum Regem, ad faciendum fidelitatem suam, usque [1] Foderyngay, cum quadraginta et quatuor equis. Et dedit servientibus suis [2] novam liberatam de Kendale.

Goes to Titenhangre.

Die Sabbati, decimo die Augusti, in Festo, videlicet, Sancti Laurentii, Dominus Abbas revenit a Domino Rege et Regina, a Fodringay, usque Titenhangre, et ibidem permansit illa nocte.

Receives benediction from the Bishop of Landaff, at King's Langley.

Die Dominica, undecima Augusti, ibidem fuit benedictus ab [3] Episcopo Landavensi, tunc moram [4] trahente apud Kingis Langley, et indutus per ipsum in pontificalibus, videlicet, mitra, baculo etiam, et annulo. Et fecit magnum convivium, et permansit ibidem illa nocte.

He is installed at St. Alban's, and holds a great banquet.

Die Lunæ, duodecimo Augusti, Dominus Abbas equitavit a Titenhangre usque ad Sanctum Albanum, ad installationem suam faciendam; et erant cum ipso, in numero servientium suorum, suorum tenentium, et aliorum qui obviaverunt sibi in via, ultra numerum quadringentorum et quadraginta trium equorum: et illa die fuit installatus, et fecit [5] magnum convivium.

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[1] Fotheringhay, in Northamptonshire.

[2] Partly illegible, from blots.

[3] It is doubtful whether John Smith is here meant, who was appointed Bishop of Landaff in July this year, or John Hunden, who had resigned the Bishopric some years before, and had received patronage from the Abbot of St. Alban's. See p. 123 *ante*, Note 4.

[4] *trauhente* in MS.

[5] *manum* in MS.

Creatio Coquinarii in Priorem Monasterii.

A.D. 1476. Thomas Newlond, the Kitchener, is appointed Prior.

Die Martis, tertio-decimo die Augusti, Dominus Abbas creavit et præfixit Dominum Thomam Newlond, monasterii sui Coquinarium, in Priorem dicti monasterii; et illo die dictus Abbas et Episcopus Landavensis prædictus [1] pranderunt cum ipso, et tota familia eorum.

Creatio Archidiaconi.

Nicholas Boston, the Cellarer and Almoner, is appointed Archdeacon, and John Rothebury Cellarer.

Die Mercurii, quarto-decimo die Augusti, anno Domini supradicto, dedit Archidiaconatum Monasterii Sancti Albani Domino [2] Nicolao Boston, adtunc Cellerario et [3] Eleemosynario Monasterii Sancti Albani; et nominavit ac fecit Dominum Johannem Rothebury Cellerarium suum, et exoneravit dictum Dominum [4] Nicolaum ab illo officio, *et cætera.*

Juramentum Domini Abbatis, tempore fidelitatis suæ faciendæ.

Oath of fealty, made to the King by the Abbot [in English].

" *I shalle faithfulle be, and true, and faithe and*
" *trouthe shall bere to you, my Soueren Lord, and to*
" *your heires, Kinges of England, of lyffe and lymme,*
" *and of erthly worship, for to lif and die, ayenst alle*
" *pepell; and diligently I shalbe attendaunt unto*
" *your nedis and besines, aftyr my wit and power,*
" *and your councell I shall kepe and* [5] *layne. And*
" *truly I shall knowlache and do the services due of*
" *the temperaltees of mye Abbey of Seint Albons, which*
" *I clayme to hold of you, Soueren Lord; and the*
" *whiche ye yeve and yeld me* [6] *to you and*

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[1] *prandiderunt* in MS.
[2] *Nicholao* in MS.
[3] *Elemosinario* in MS.
[4] *Nicholaum* in MS.
[5] Conceal.
[6] A word here is wholly blotted out.

" *your commandmentes, in that that to me appertenyth* A.D. 1476.
" *and belongith for my temporaltees I shall be* [1] *ob-*
" *seysaunt. So God help me, and his Saintes.*"

Nortoune.

" Mensis Augusti die quinto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto, data fuit Vicaria de [2] Nortone Domino Thomæ Trylle, Capellano, vacans per fugam unius vicarii ibidem, vocati " Ricardy " Beby." Gift of the Vicarage of Nortone; its late Vicar having fled.

Nominatio Vicarii Sancti Stephani.

Mensis Augusti die supradicto, et anno Domini memorato præantea, Dominus Abbas concessit Johanni Newbury, Armigero, Secretario suo, et Johanni Perisson, de Sancto Albano, nominationem cujuscunque personæ [3] idoneæ ad Vicariam Sancti Stephani, juxta Sanctum Albanum, cum jam primo vacare contigerit; salva annua [4] pensione. Gift of the nomination of the Vicar of St. Stephen's.

Nominatio Vicarii Sancti Petri, infra villam Sancti Albani.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto, Dominus Abbas concessit nominationem cujuscunque [5] personæ idoneæ ad Vicariam Sancti Petri, infra villam Sancti Albani, Willelmo Grene, uni clericorum de Scaccario Domini Regis, salva annua pensione octo marcarum; cum jam primo,—[6]" post datam præsentium,—" vacare contigerit, *et cætera.* Gift of the nomination of the Vicar of St. Peter's.

[1] Sic in MS.
[2] In Hertfordshire.
[3] *ydoneæ* in MS.
[4] The amount is omitted.
[5] *parsonæ ydoniæ* in MS.
[6] The words of the deed.

Licentia concessa Vicario Sancti Stephani absentandi se a cura sua, sub certis conditionibus.

A.D. 1476. Leave of absence granted to the Vicar of St. Stephen's, on account of his infirmities.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, dilecto nobis in Christo, Edmundo Nortoune, Ecclesiæ Parochialis Sancti Stephani, " juxta Sanctum Albanum, nostræ jurisdictionis exemptæ, Vicario, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Nos, " considerantes corporis tui imbecillitatem, aliasque infirmitates varias, ac senii [2] incommoda, per quæ indies " vexaris et conturbaris, ut ab ecclesia tua parochiali " prædicta, a data præsentium, te absentare, et in loco " honesto manere, et in eodem conversari, ac ibidem, " si volueris, pro anima celebrare, valeas, sic quod locus " habitationis, sive residentiæ, tuæ omnino infra jurisdictionem nostram prædictam situatur, tibi, dummodo " ecclesiæ laudabiliter in divinis deserviatur, et onera " eidem incumbentia subeas et debite supportes, tenore " præsentium, de gratia nostra speciali, durante vita " tua, licentiam [3] [damus] [4] in perpetuum, absque impetitione nostra, vel officiariorum nostrorum quorumcunque. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum " nostrum apposuimus. Data *et cætera*, mensis Augusti, " [3] [anno] millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo " sexto."

Nominatio duarum Rectoriarum concessa Domino Ricardo, Duci Gloucestriæ; videlicet, de Barnet et de Tyneby in Soutwallia.

Gift of the next nomination to one of two Rectories to Richard,

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti " Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, " nullo medio, pertinentis, et ejusdem loci Conventus,

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *incomoda* in MS.
[3] Omitted in MS.
[4] *imperpetuum* in MS.

" omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, salu- Duke of
" tem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Sciatis nos, præfatos Gloucester, and his
" Abbatem et Conventum, ex unanimibus nostris as- Secretary.
" sensu et voluntate, dedisse, et per præsens scriptum
" concessisse, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, excel-
" lenti Principi, Domino [1] Ricardo, Duci Gloucestriæ,
" Magno Camerario, et Admirallo Angliæ, et Johanni
" Kendale, ejusdem Principis Secretario, et eorum
" assignatis, nominationem cujuscunque [2] personæ ido-
" neæ ad aliquam istarum ecclesiarum, cum jam primo
" aliqua illarum proxime, quacunque de causa, vacare
" contigerit, videlicet, ad Rectoriam de Barnet, in Co-
" mitatu Hertfordiæ, Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, et Recto-
" riam de Tyneby, in Comitatu Pembrochiæ, Menevен-
" sis [3] Diœcesis, hac vice tantum per nos conferendam.
" Ita quod bene liceat præfato Excellenti Principi, et
" Johanni, Secretario suo, seu eorum alteri, et eorum
" assignatis, quamcunque personam [4] idoneam ad unam
" dictarum Rectoriarum, jam primo et proximo vaca-
" turarum, nobis, vel successoribus nostris, nominare: et
" quod nos teneamur, et successores nostri teneantur,
" personam hujusmodi, sic nominatam, et nullam aliam,
" ad dictam Rectoriam, ad nutum dictorum Excellentis
" Principis et Johannis, seu eorum alterius, et suorum
" assignatorum, unica vice tantum, admittere. Ita quod
" postquam præfatus Excellens Princeps, et Johannes,
" ejus Secretarius, seu eorum alter, et assignati sui,
" una vice tantum, ut præmittitur, aliquam personam
" [4] idoneam nominaverit ad eandem, et persona sic no-
" minata ad eam præsentata fuerit, et admissa, extunc
" jus patronatus et præsentationis Rectoriarum prædic-
" tarum ad nos et successores nostros revertatur. In
" cujus rei testimonium, tam sigilla dictorum Abbatis
" et Conventus, *et cætera.*"

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[1] Afterwards King Richard the Third.

[2] *parsonæ ydoniæ* in MS.

[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

[4] *ydoniam* in MS.

Commissio pro Hæreticis examinandis.

A.D. 1477. Commission for the examination of heretics in general, and, especially, of Henry Dier.

Mensis Martii die septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [1] sexto, Commissio facta fuit Domino Thomæ Newlond, Priori Monasterii Sancti Albani, Domino [2] Nicolao Boston, dicti monasterii Archidiacono, Domino Johanni Rothebury, ejusdem monasterii Cellerario, Domino Willelmo Hardewik, Sacræ Theologiæ Baculario, et Magistro Johanni Boteley, Officiali exemptæ jurisdictionis Sancti Albani, pro hæreticis examinandis; et præcipue pro quodam Henrico Dier, de Sancto Albano, detecto [3] per hæreticos, pro [4] hæresi, modo et forma, prout reperies in [5] vicesimo quinto folio a capite libri computando.

Nominatio Vicariæ de Luton.

Gift of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Luton, A.D. 1476.

Mensis Novembris die tertio-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto, concessa fuit nominatio Vicariæ de Luton, in Comitatu Bedfordiæ, Dompno [6] Willelmo, Dunelmensi Episcopo, et Magistro Johanni Gunthorp, Decano Capellæ Domini nostri Regis, Edwardi Quarti, modo et forma ut supra scribuntur in [7] isto folio, mutatis mutandis.

Walyngton.

Presentation to the Rectory of Walington, A.D. 1477.

Mensis Januarii die vicesimo quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [8] sexto, præsentatio facta fuit Episcopo [9] Lincolniensi, per viam

[1] A.D. 1477, according to the present mode of computation.

[2] *Nicholao* in MS.

[3] These two words are probably incorrect, and inserted by mistake.

[4] *erresi* in MS.

[5] The seventh leaf of the volume in its present state. See p. 22 *ante*.

[6] William Dudley.

[7] See p. 21 *ante*.

[8] A.D. 1477, according to the present computation.

[9] *Lincoln* in MS.

permutationis inter Dominum Johannem Swepton, Rectorem Ecclesiæ de Walington, Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, et Magistrum Henricum Key, Rectorem de Heoby, dictæ Lincolniensis Diœcesis; salva annua pensione tredecim solidorum quatuor denariorum, de Walington, prædicto monasterio Sancti Albani. A.D. 1477.

Perpetuitas concessa Domino [2] Nicolao Boston, Archidiacono Sancti Albani, in Prioratu de Tynemutha: —sed postea concessa in alia forma, ut patet in tertio folio subsequente.

Grant of the nomination to the Priory of Tynemouth to Richard, Duke of Gloucester, and Sir John Say, in favour of Nicholas Boston.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti " Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, omnibus ad quos præsens " scriptum pervenerit, salutem in amplexibus Salvato- " ris. Sciatis nos, præfatum Abbatem, et Conventum, " dedisse, et per præsentes concessisse, excellenti Prin- " cipi, Domino Ricardo, Gloucestriæ Duci, necnon et " Johanni Say, Militi, et eorum assignatis, plenam " auctoritatem, et potestatem nostram, ad nominandum " dilectum nobis in Christo confratrem et commona- " chum, Dominum [3] Nicolaum Boston, Monasterii nostri " antedicti Archidiaconum, in Priorem Prioratus nostri " de Tynemutha, in Comitatu Northumbriæ, cum jam " primo et proximo, post datam præsentium, Prioratus " prædictus, aut per mortem, resignationem, sive pro- " motionem, Domini Johannis Langton, tempore con- " fectionis præsentium Prioris ibidem, vacaverit, sive " per aliam causam quamcunque, per quam vacare con- " tigerit, ipsum inibi præfigendi in Priorem. Sic quod " cum dictus Dominus [4] Nicolaus per præfatum Ricar- " dum, Ducem, sive per prænominatum Johannem Say, " Militem, seu eorum alterum, vel ipsorum assignatum

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *Nicholao* in MS.
[3] *Nicholaum* in MS.
[4] *Nicholaus* in MS.

" vel assignatos, nobis fuerit nominatus, ut prædicitur,
" quod tunc dictus Dominus [1] Nicolaus prædictum Prio-
" ratum, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis et libertatibus,
" obtineat, gaudeat, et possideat, durante vita sua, in
" omnibus et omnimodis rebus quæ ad Priorem ibi
" pertinere dinoscuntur, adeo plene, libere, et integre,
" prout nos, præfati Abbas et Conventus, ipsum in
" Priorem ibidem fecissemus, creassemus, sive [2] præfixis-
" semus, absque revocatione, reclamatione, vel exonera-
" tione, ipsius Domini [3] Nicolai, per nos, vel successores
" nostros, de officio prædicto Prioratus prædicti quovis-
" modo, per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, Sigil-
" lum ad Causas per Conventum Monasterii nostri
" prædicti præsentibus fecimus consignari. Data in
" Monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano *et cætera.*"

Nominatio Ecclesiæ de Walyngtone concessa Duci Clarenciæ.

Grant of the next presentation to the Church of Walyngtone to George, Duke of Clarence. A.D. 1477.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis
" [4] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, per-
" tinentis, omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervene-
" rit, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Sciatis nos,
" præfatum Abbatem, dedisse, et per præsens scriptum
" concessisse, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, excel-
" lenti Principi et Domino, Domino Georgio, Duci
" Clarenciæ, et assignatis suis, nominationem et liberam
" dispositionem cujuscunque personæ [5] idoneæ ad Eccle-
" siam de Walyngtone, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, Lin-
" colniensis [4] Diœcesis, nostri patronatus, cum prædicta
" ecclesia per mortem, cessionem, resignationem, dimis-
" sionem, permutationem, compositionem, seu [6] alium

[1] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[2] *præfixemus* in MS.
[3] *Nicholai* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *ydoniæ* in MS.
[6] *aliquem* in MS..

" quemcunque modum, proximo vacare contigerit. Ita A.D. 1477.
" quod bene liceat præfato Excellenti Principi, et assig-
" natis suis, quamcunque personam [1] idoneam ad eccle-
" siam prædictam, in proxima vacatione ejusdem, ut
" præmittitur, nobis et successoribus nostris nominare :
" et quod nos teneamur, et successores nostri tenean-
" tur, personam hujusmodi, sic nominatam, et nullam
" aliam, ad Ecclesiam de Walingtone supradictam, ad
" nutum ipsius Excellentis Principis, et assignatorum
" suorum, unica vice tantum, præsentare, et nostram
" præsentationem sibi conferre. Ita quod collatio, sive
" præsentatio, prædictæ ecclesiæ; cum prædictus Princeps
" Excellens nominaverit, seu assignati sui nominaverint,
" et ipsius, sive ipsorum, clericus præsentatus fuerit,
" adtunc ad nos et successores nostros revertatur : pen-
" sione consueta, aliisque juribus ac consuetudinibus,
" ab ecclesia prædicta nobis et successoribus nostris
" debitis, semper salvis et conservatis. In cujus *et*
" *cætera.* Data *et cætera,* quarto die Junii, anno mil-
" lesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo."

Radwelle.

Presentation to the Rectory of Radwell.

Mensis Julii die vicesimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Episcopo Lincolniensi Dominum Thomam Whitakris, Capellanum, admittendum ad Rectoriam de Radwell, per resignationem Domini Ricardi Walbank, ultimi rectoris ibidem.

Sanctus Petrus in Chepa.

Gift of the nomination to the Rectory of St. Peter's in Chepe,

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo tertio, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas modernus dedit nominationem cujuscunque [2] personæ idoneæ ad Ecclesiam Sancti Petri in Chepa, in

[1] *ydoniam* in MS. | [2] *parsonæ ydoniæ* in MS.

A.D. 1477. in London, to the Lady Cecily, the King's mother.

Civitate Londoniarum situatam, promovendæ, Excellentissimæ Principissæ, Dominæ Ceciliæ, matri præpotentissimi Principis, Domini nostri, Domini Edwardi, Regis Angliæ, Quarti, cum jam primo et proximo, post datam præsentium, vacare contigerit.

Manumissio.

Manumission of a born bondman, with his issue.

Mensis Julii die decimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas manumisit Willelmum Adam, de dominio suo de Sandrugge, sub sigillis Abbatis et Conventus, cum tota sequela sua, a data præsentium procreanda.

Idelystre.

Collation to the Rectory of Idelestre.

Mensis Julii die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, data fuit collatio Rectoriæ de Idelestre Magistro Ricardo Bisquet, per mortem Domini Johannis Seman, ultimi incumbentis ibidem.

Littera testimonialis super conversatione cujusdam Ricardi Boyer, de Kancia.

Letter testimonial, from the Official of the Archdeacon of Rochester, in favour of Richard Boyer, of Westmalling.

" Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos
" præsentes litteræ pervenerint, Officialis Domini Archi-
" diaconi Roffensis, salutem in Auctore salutis. Cum
" error cui non resistitur approbetur, et veritas quæ
" non defensatur, opprimatur, perhibere testimonium
" veritati valde meritorium esse credimus, atque ipsam ;
" universitati igitur vestræ, tenore præsentium, eluces-
" cat, per præsentes, quod Ricardus Boyer, de West-
" malling, Roffensis [1] Diœcesis, jurisdictionisque Archi-
" diaconalis, diutino tempore moram nobiscum traxit;

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.

" fuitque, et est, vir fidelis, modestus, Christianus, A.D. 1477.
" bonæ vitæ, conversationis honestæ, et opinionis illæsæ;
" non suspensus, neque excommunicatus, nec alio crimine
" illaqueatas, seu aspersus; ac talis quem mores et
" merita reddunt multipliciter [1] commendatum; prout
" ex fidedigno testimonio, et laudabili, didicimus. In
" cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostræ Officialitatis
" præsentibus apposuimus. Data apud Ditton, vicesimo
" die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo septuagesimo septimo."

Licentia concessa Monacho, esse quasi executorem testamenti.

" Willelmus, miseratione divina, Abbas exempti Mo- Leave granted by the Abbot to Thomas Ramrugge, a monk, to be an executor of the testament of John Lammer, his uncle.
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2] Protomartyris,
" dilecto nobis in Christo, [3] Thomæ Ramrugge, con-
" fratri et commonacho nostro, salutem in salutis Auc-
" tore. Significata nobis obedientiæ tuæ petitio con-
" tinebat, quomodo discretus vir, Magister Johannes
" Lammer, perpetuus Vicarius de Lutone, cui etiam
" carnis propinquitate conjunctus existis, spem suæ con-
" fidentiæ sic in tuæ fidelitatis amicitia firmissime
" posuit, ut totius terrenæ substantiæ, sive bonorum
" suorum quorumcunque, dispositorem, ut et ipsis
" utamur terminis, postquam eundem, avunculum tuum,
" ex hac luce migrare contigerit, testamenti sui [4] exe-
" cutorem te fore desideraverit; unde nobis humiliter
" supplicasti, ut hujusmodi substantiam, sive bona tem-
" poralia, disponendi, [5] et executoris testamenti supra-
" dicti officio fungendi, tibi, cum alio fideli, tecum
" conjuncto, et ad hoc etiam per ipsum Vicarium assig-
" nato, [6] impertiremur et daremus licentiam gratiose;
" —nos animi tui firmissimam fidem, ejusdemque fi

[1] *comendatum* in MS.
[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[3] Afterwards Abbot.
[4] *exequtorem* in MS.
[5] *ex* in MS.
[6] *impartiremur* in M

A.D. 1477. " præcipuam [1] discretionem, ante nostræ considerationis
" intuitum sæpius et multum approbatam habentes, te,
" ut eadem bona temporalia prædicti vicarii disponas,
" et ut testamenti sui, cum aliquo socio, sicut præfertur,
" [2] [executor] existas, quantum in nobis est, licentia-
" mus per præsentes, sigillo nostro signatas. Data *et*
" *cætera*, quinto-decimo Aprilis, [3] [anno] millesimo quad-
" ringentesimo septuagesimo septimo."

Licentia ad [4] solemnizandum matrimonium in Manerio de Busshey.

Special licence granted to James Kelom, for the solemnization of his marriage in the Chapel of the manor-house of Busshey, the banns having been but twice published.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Anglorum [5] Protomartyris, ad Roma-
" nam Ecclesiam immediate pertinentis, dilecto nobis
" in Christo, Jacobo Kelom, salutem. Ex venerabilis
" amici nostri, Morgani Kydwelly, suggestionibus, nobis
" ore tenus factis, concepimus quod cum [6] tu sponsalia
" cum honesta fœmina, videlicet, Editha Cowdrey, con-
" traxeris, et, in Ecclesia Parochiali de Busshey bannis
" publice bis editis, tertiam publicationem, sed nec in
" eadem ecclesia ultimatam matrimonii [7] solemnizatio-
" nem, absque magno incommodo, præstolari valeas;—
" nos, ad instantiam supradicti amici nostri, Morgani,
" tuæ commoditati in hac parte providere volentes, ut
" in Capella situata infra manerium de Busshey præ-
" dicta, absque ulteriori bannorum editione, sive peti-
" tione, matrimonium [8] solemne cum eadem Editha
" [9] contrahere, cæteraque universa et singula, quæ juris
" honestas in prædictis requirit, ibidem complere, va-
" leas, (juribus Ecclesiam Parochialem de Busshey con-
" cernentibus, seu quovismodo pertinentibus eidem,

[1] *discrescionem* in MS.
[2] Omitted in MS., but required by the sense.
[3] Omitted in MS.
[4] *solempnizandum* in MS.
[5] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[6] This word is almost blotted out.
[7] *solempnizationem* in MS.
[8] *solempne* in MS.
[9] *contraere* in MS.

" semper salvis,) quibuscunque Constitutionibus, vel A.D. 1477.
" consuetudinibus, cum quibus dispensare possumus, in
" contrarium habitis vel editis, in aliquo non obstanti-
" bus, licentiam tibi concedimus specialem. In cujus
" fidem et testimonium, huic scripto sigillum nostrum
" apposuimus. Data in manerio nostro de Titenhangre,
" sexto die Junii, anno millesimo quadringentesimo
" septuagesimo septimo."

Vicaria de Luton.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Luton.

Mensis Octobris die septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, præsentatio facta fuit Domino Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, pro Magistro Ricardo Bernard, Magistro in Artibus, pro Vicaria perpetua de Luton; admittendo per mortem Magistri Johannis Lammere, ultimi vicarii adtunc ibidem.

Licentia concessa ad maritandum in manerio de La Welde.

Special licence granted to William Fytz, for the solemnization of his marriage in the Chapel of the manor-house of Weld, the banns having been but twice published.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Protomartyris, dilecto ser-
" vienti nostro, Willelmo Fytz, salutem. Ex suppli-
" cationibus tuis, nobis factis, concepimus quod tu
" sponsalia cum honesta muliere, videlicet, Margareta
" Gylbert, vidua, contraxeris, et in Ecclesia Paro-
" chiali de [2] Rugge bannis publice bis editis, tertiam
" publicationem, [3] sed nec in eadem ecclesia ultimatam
" matrimonii [4] solemnizationem, absque magno incom-
" modo, præstolari valeas:—nos, supplicationibus tuis
" favorabiliter inclinati, ac tuæ commoditati in hac
" parte providere volentes, ut in Capella situata in

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[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[2] Ridge, in Hertfordshire.
[3] *set* in MS.
[4] *solempnizationem* in MS.

" manerio de La Weld, infra nostram jurisdictionem,
" absque ulteriori bannarum editione, sive petitione,
" matrimonium [1] solemne cum præfata Margareta [2] con-
" trahere, cæteraque universa et singula, quæ juris
" honestas in prædictis requirit, ibidem complere,
" valeas, (juribus Ecclesiæ de Rugge, Parochialis
" Ecclesiæ dicti manerii, concernentibus, sive quovis-
" modo pertinentibus eidem, semper salvis,) quibus-
" cunque Constitutionibus, vel consuetudinibus, cum
" quibus dispensare possumus, in contrarium editis vel
" habitis, in aliquo non obstantibus, licentiam tibi
" concedimus specialiter. In cujus fidem et testimo-
" nium, huic scripto sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi.
" Data *et cætera.*"

Littera missa Universitati Cantebrugiæ, ad creandum Bacallarium in Theologia.

Letter addressed to the University of Cambridge, recommending John Wolman for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. A.D. 1477.

" Præhonorabili et in Christo carissimo Domino,
" Cancellario, Venerabilibus Dominis, Procuratoribus,
" Doctoribus, universisque Magistris, almam Universi-
" tatem Cantebrugiæ regentibus, Willelmus, Abbas
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [3] Protomartyris,
" omnimodam reverentiam, pariter et honorem. Præ-
" clara virtutum celebrisque sapientiæ fama, quibus
" universi fons et boni distributor, luminum Pater
" ipse, cœtum vestrum multum sublimiter perlustravit,
" nos inducit ut quos moribus et scientia perspicacius
" erudiri, eruditosque Matris Ecclesiæ necessitatibus
" utiles fieri, præoptamus, vobis dirigendos, per vosque
" præcipue ducamus informandos. Hinc est, quod
" dilectum nobis in Christo, Dominum Johannem Wol-
" man, confratrem et commonachum nostrum, vestris
" Reverentiis transmisimus, ut in Sacra Theologia

[1] *solempne* in MS.
[2] *contraere* in MS.
[3] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

" jugiter, efficaciterque, studeat; quem etiam, quantum A.D. 1477.
" in nobis est, licentiamus, ut in [1] eundem gradum
" Bacallariatus ascendat, supplicantes ut, si vobis ejus
" constet habilitas, ipsi in hac parte favorem impen-
" dere, ad eundemque gradum Bacallariatus eum
" admittere, vestræ dignetur præeminentia bonitatis.
" Quam servet Christus semper floridam et felicem,
" ad totius Christiani orbis decus, pariter et decorem.
" Data *et cætera*, anno millesimo quadringentesimo
" septuagesimo septimo."

Vicaria Sancti Stephani, juxta Sanctum Albanum.

Gift of the Vicarage of St. Stephen's, near St. Alban's.

Mensis Septembris die vicesimo quinto, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Stephani, juxta Sanctum Albanum, Domino Jacobo Fissher, per liberam resignationem Domini Edmundi Norton, Vicarii ibidem; annua pensione semper salva.

Commissio ad visitandum in Prioratu per Dominum Abbatem, in propria persona sua.

Notice given by the Abbot of his intention to visit his Cell, the Priory of Hatfeld Peverelle.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, dilecto nobis in Christo,
" Fratri Thomæ Roose, Priori Cellæ nostræ de Hat-
" feld Peverelle, in Comitatu Essexiæ, salutem, gra-
" tiam, et benedictionem. Ad visitandum Prioratum
" nostrum prædictum, tam in capite quam in mem-
" bris, et etiam ad inquirendum de statu ipsius
" Prioratus, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus,
" necnon ad corrigendum et regulariter puniendum
" subditorum nostrorum excessus inibi existentium,
" qualitercunque commissos, vicesimo die mensis
" Augusti, proximo futuro post datam præsentium,

[1] *eandem* in MS.

" favente Altissimo, personaliter ad dictum Prioratum
" intendimus declinare; quare vobis, Priori, et vestris
" fratribus, omnibus et singulis in [1] ipso Prioratu
" degentibus, virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, tenore præ-
" sentium, firmiter injungentes, mandamus quatinus
" ipsi, per vos moniti et citati, [2] nobis omnibus et in
" singulis quæ ad hujusmodi Visitationis officium requi-
" runtur, ac etiam ad subjiciendum correctioni exces-
" suum, secundum [3] discretionem nobis a Deo infusam,
" quæ per hujusmodi Visitationem inveniri contigerit,
" nobis obediant et pareant, cum effectu. In cujus rei
" testimonium, *et cætera.* Data *et cætera.*"

A Commission maad in a Lettre Myssif forto visite the Priory of Hertford, by my Lord Abbot, in proper persone.

Notice of the Abbot's intention to visit the Priory of Hertford. [In English.] A.D. 1477.

" *Welbeloued broder in God, I grete you welle, lating*
" *you haue knowlache, that I purpose, with Goddis suf-*
" *feraunce, for to be here with you in my proper par-*
" *sone, accompayned with xxii. horsis, upon Monday*
" *xxviii. day of this present Jule, at my soper, and to*
" *soiourne with you unto Thursday next ensewing in*
" *the mornyng, for to visite this my Priorye in euery*
" *mater and cause, according unto the laudable accostome*
" *of our religioun. Wherfor to you, Priour, and to*
" *your breder, everiche and alle, in the vertue of holy*
" *obedience, straictly I charge and commaund, that ye*
" *and also they, with oder hauyng interesse in the said*
" *Visitacion, by you to be monysshed, cited, and warnyd,*
" *for the premissis, in al thinges requisite to the ssaid*
" *Visitacion, ye and also they do your personelle atten-*
" *daunce and obedience vnto vs; thenne and ther to do*

[1] *ipsis* in MS.
[2] There is, apparently, an omission here.
[3] *discrescionem* in MS.

" *and receyue sich thinges as by vertue of the ssaid Visi-* A.D. 1477.
" *tacion shalle mow happe to be founde; and our Lord*
" *be with you. From Titenhangre, xv. of Jule,* 1477."

A Commission to visite the Nonnys of the Pray.

" *Wyllyam, by Goddis permission, Abbot of thexempt* Commission given by the Abbot, for the Visitation of the Nunnery of St. Mary des Prez. [In English.]
" *Monasteri of Seint Albon, to our welbeloued Broder*
" *in God, Dan William Hardwyk, Bacheler of Diuinyte,*
" *send greting in our Lord Crist Jesu. Forto visite our*
" *place and Nonnery of our Blessid Lady of the* [1] *Pray,*
" *beside Seint Albones, as welle in the principals as in*
" *the membris; and to enquere of the state of the ssame*
" *place and nonnery, as well in spirituell thinges as in*
" *temporelle thinges; and to do and say al thinges re-*
" *quisite to a Visitacion, with proroging and contynu-*
" *aunce of daies, if it be necessary, according to the*
" *laudable accostom of our religion; we by these presentes*
" *yeue ful power and auctorite. Therfor in vertue of*
" *holy obedience, we charge you and everich of you,*
" *Prieres, Supprieres, with al the Convent, and alle oder*
" *whiche be woned for to be, or owe for to be, or ow for*
" *to haue any interesse, within the ssaid Visitacion, that*
" *ye appere personelly affor the ssaid Dan William, for*
" *to do, obey, and receyue, the thinges that shall mow*
be found by the ssaid Visitacon, with as due reue-
" *rence and effect, as ye be bound to do, yf I were per-*
" *sonally present my self. In witnessing wherof etc.*
" *Yeven etc.*"

Vicaria Omnium Sanctorum de Sudbury.

Mensis Decembris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, præsentatio facta fuit Domino [2] Jacobo, Norwicensi Episcopo, Presentation to the Vicarage of All

[1] The Nunnery of St. Mary des Prez, near St. Alban's.

[2] James Goldwell.

Saints, at Sudbury. A.D. 1477.

ad admittendum Dominum Johannem Morelle, Capellanum, ad Vicariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis Omnium Sanctorum, de Sudbury, Norwicensis [1] Diœcesis, per liberam resignationem Domini Roberti Hynderwelle ; salva annua pensione tredecim solidorum quatuor denariorum.

Sandrugge.

Gift of the Vicarage of Sanderugg.

Mensis Decembris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, data fuit Vicaria de Sanderugg Domino Gilberto Lancastre, Capellano, vacans per liberam resignationem Domini Jacobi Waleys ; salva annua pensione sexaginta et quatuor solidorum octo denariorum.

Vicaria Sancti Petri, infra villam de Sancto Albano.

Gift of the Vicarage of St. Peter, at St. Alban's.

Mensis Decembris die quarto-decimo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Petri, infra villam de Sancto Albano, Domino Jacobo Waleys, Capellano, per mortem Domini Roberti Chauntry, ultimi vicarii ibidem ; salva annua pensione octo marcarum, officio Coquinarii persolvenda.

Nortoune.

Gift of the Vicarage of Nortoune. A.D. 1478.

Mensis Februarii die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [2] septimo, data fuit Vicaria de Nortoune Domino Rogero Calcok, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Trille.

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.

[2] A.D. 1478, according to the present mode of computation.

"Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo- [A wrong insertion.]
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lin-
" colniensis [1] Diœcesis, dilecto nobis in Christo, Domino
" Ricardo Bernard, in Artibus Magistro, salutem,
" gratiam, et benedictionem [2]—."

Luton.

"Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino Formal presentation to the Vicarage of Luton.
" Thomæ, divina miseratione, Lincolniensi Episcopo,
" vester humilis et devotus, Willelmus, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
" dictæ vestræ Lincolniensis Diœcesis, omnimodas reve-
" rentias tanto patri debitas, cum honore. Ad Vicariam
" perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Luton, vestræ
" [1] Diœcesis, et mei patronatus, per mortem Magistri
" Johannis Lammer, ultimi Vicarii ibidem, jam vacan-
" tem, et ad meam præsentationem pleno jure spectan-
" tem, dilectum [3] mihi in Christo, Ricardum Barnard,
" in Artibus Magistrum, vestræ Reverendæ Paternitati
" præsento; supplicans humiliter et devote, quatinus
" ipsum Ricardum ad eandem Vicariam admittere, ip-
" sumque Vicarium in eadem instituere, cæteraque per-
" agere quæ vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio
" pastorali, dignemini gratiose, intuitu caritatis, jure,
" dignitate, *et cœtera.*"

Manumissio.

Primo die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [4] septimo, Dominus Abbas manumisit Robertum Heeth, de Codicote, nuper nati- Manumission of a born bondman, and his issue.

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.

[2] At this point "*Vacat*" is written; to shew that it should be omitted.

[3] *michi* in MS.

[4] A.D. 1478, according to the present mode of computation.

A.D. 1478. vum suum, cum tota sequela sua, procreata et procreanda, sub sigillis Abbatis et Conventus,—modo et forma prout reperies in foliis præcedentibus.

Commissio ad visitandum Prioratum de Pembroke, in South Wallia.

Commission for the Visitation of the Priory of Pembroke, in South Wales. A.D. 1478.

" Willelmus, divina miseratione, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Protomartyris, " Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, " dilecto nobis in Christo, Dompno Willelmo Hardewik, " Sacræ Theologiæ Bacallario, commonacho et confratri " nostro, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ad visi- " tandum Prioratum nostrum de Pembrochia, in parti- " bus [3] Southwalliæ, tam in spiritualibus quam in tem- " poralibus, ac etiam ad inquirendum de statu ipsius " Prioratus, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, " necnon ad corrigendum et regulariter puniendum " subditorum nostrorum excessus, ac etiam ad deponen- " dum et absolvendum quoscunque ipsorum, in quocun- " que statu, gradu, seu dignitate, fuerint, si casus re- " quirat, quia nos, propter arduas causas, nequimus " hujusmodi Visitationis officio personaliter interesse, " tibi vices nostras committimus, per præsentes, cum " cujuslibet [4] coercionis canonicæ plenaria potestate; " Priori et confratribus in ipso Prioratu degentibus, " in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, tenore præsentium, fir- " miter injungentes, mandamus quatinus tibi in omni- " bus et singulis, quæ ad hujusmodi Visitationis officium " requiruntur, ac etiam ad subeundum correctionem " excessuum, secundum [5] discretionem a Deo tibi infu- " sam, quæ per hujusmodi Visitationem reperiri con- " tigerit, tibi [6] obediant et compareant, cum effectu,

[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[2] *Diocesi* in MS.
[3] *Southwallii* in MS.
[4] *cohercionis* in MS.
[5] *discrescionem* in MS.
[6] *obedeant* in MS.

" sicuti nobis obedire tenentur, si in Prioratu prædicto A.D. 1478.
" Visitationem eandem per nos personaliter exequere-
" mur. In cujus *et cætera.* Data *et cætera,* septimo-
" decimo die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo septuagesimo [1] septimo."

Licentia petita a Custode Capellæ Sancti Andreæ, ad absentandum se a cura sua ibidem :—non tamen concessa, quia noluit solvere pro sigillatione, neque pro ejusdem scriptura concessionis.

" Willelmus, miseratu divino, Abbas Monasterii de Leave of absence, at first granted to the Warden of the Chapel of St. Andrew, adjoining the Monastery of St. Alban's : but afterwards withdrawn, because he would not pay the fees.
" Sancto Albano, Anglorum [2] Protomartyre, Ordinis
" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, ad Romanam
" Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, dilecto nobis in
" Christo, Domino N. H., Capellæ Domini nostri Regis
" Capellano, Custodi Capellæ nostræ de Sancto Andrea,
" infra præcinctum monasterii nostri prædicti situatæ,
" nostræ jurisdictionis exemptæ, salutem in amplexibus
" Salvatoris. Te, quem in conspectu Principis, atque
" obsequio, haberi conspicimus, benigno favore prosequi
" volentes, ut ab eadem capella nostra te absentare
" valeas, pro tempore quo te Capellanum Capellæ Do-
" mini nostri Regis nunc fore contigerit, licite absen-
" tare, et fructus et proventus ejusdem, cum integritate
" quam Benedictus Ederiche, nuper ejusdem capellæ
" Custos, ut sibi per nos concessa, percipere consuevit,
" recipere valeas, et habere; ita tamen, quod dicta
" Capella nostra de Sancto [4] Andrea interim divinis non
" fraudetur obsequiis, et cura animarum, tibi, in forma
" quæ præmittitur, commissa, nullatenus [5] negligatur,
" [6] sed Altissimo serviatur honeste, ut plebs ibidem
" divinis minime fraudetur obsequiis, sic modeste, ut

[1] A.D. 1478, according to the present mode of computation.
[2] *Prothomartire* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *Albano* in MS.
[5] *neggligatur* in MS.
[6] *set* in MS.

" chorus noster Conventualis, sive, ut ita dicamus, mo-
" nachalis, dum processionaliter in Ecclesia Sancti Al-
" bani, cui prædicta Capella Sancti Andreæ contiguata
" dinoscitur, procedere contigerit, per prædictæ Capellæ
" cantores aut ministros, devotione, oratione, seu cantu,
" minime disturbetur; quodque etiam Capellanum
" [1] idoneum in eadem Capella constituas, quod onera
" quæcunque tibi, ratione dictæ Capellæ, incumbentia,
" vice ac nomine tuo, subeat; tecum in Domino dis-
" pensamus, [2] ac licentiam absentandi tibi, ut præmitti-
" tur, concedimus, per præsentes; quodque pensio, sive
" redditus, viginti marcarum, per te, vel tuum sufficien-
" tem deputatum, dummodo ejusdem Capellæ, sicut
" præfertur, Custos extiteris, annuatim, sicut antea con-
" suevit, integre nobis persolvatur. In cujus rei testi-
" monium *et cætera.*"

Inventory of the valuable effects of the Priory of Hatfeld Peverelle, upon the resignation of Thomas Roose, as Prior. A.D. 1478.

Hoc Inventarium factum est anno regni Regis Edwardi, Quarti post Conquæstum, octavo-decimo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, nono die mensis Julii, in recessu Fratris Thomæ Roose, nuper Prioris ibidem, et in adventu Dompni Johannis Wolman, Prioris de Hatfeld Peverell, in Essexia, noviter factum de omnibus jocalibus ibidem inventis, et deliberatis præfato Johanni Wolman, Priori moderno, per præfatum Thomam Roos.—

Ecclesia.

In the Church there.

Inprimis, in ecclesia quatuor sunt calices, quorum duo sunt deaurati, et duo albi. Item, duæ phiolæ argenteæ; unum paxatorium argenteum; et unum [3] turibulum argenteum.

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[1] *ydoneum* in MS.
[2] *ac licentiam* repeated in MS.
[3] *turribulum* in MS.

Camera Prioris.

In camera Prioris sunt duo duodena [1] cochlearia argentea; unus [2] ciphus murreus, cum novo ligamine argenteo et deaurato; una pecia longa stans, argentea et deaurata, cum cooperculo deaurato; [3] duæ aliæ peciæ argenteæ de *chacewerk*, una cum cooperculo, et alia sine cooperculo; una plana pecia, sine cooperculo; unum [4] *notte*, cum cooperculo deaurato; una stella argentea et deaurata. A.D. 1478. In the Prior's Chamber.

Boteria.

In boteria septem sunt [1] cochlearia argentea; unum salinum [5] argenteum, cum cooperculo; quatuor ciphi murrei, cum ligaminibus argenteis et deauratis; una pecia plana argentea, pro quarto, sine cooperculo, pro usu cotidiano. In the Buttery.

Langley Abbatis.

Mensis Augusti die septimo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, data fuit Vicaria de Langley Abbatis Domino Henrico Bisshop, Capellano, vacans per voluntariam recessionem a dicta Vicaria Domini Willelmi Strenger, Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione viginti et sex solidorum octo denariorum. Gift of the Vicarage of Abbot's Langley.

Redeboorne.

Mensis Septembris die vicesimo quarto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, data fuit Vicaria de Redborne Domino Roberto Smythe, Capellano, per mortem ultimi vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione quinquaginta solidorum. Gift of the Vicarage of Redborne.

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[1] *cochiaria* in MS.
[2] *scyphus* classically.
[3] *duo* in MS.
[4] A cup made of cocoa-nut.
[5] *argentium* in MS.

Nota,—pro Priore de Tynemutha.

A.D. 1478. Resignation of his offices in the Abbey by NicholasBostone, on his appointment as Prior of Tynemouth; and his long and expensive journey from London to that place.

Memorandum, quod in Festo [1] Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, Dominus [2] Nicolaus Bostone resignavit in manus Domini Abbatis officia sua, tam Archidiaconi jurisdictionis Monasterii Sancti Albani, quam [3] Eleemosynarii ejusdem monasterii, Domino Abbate tunc existente in manerio suo apud Titenhangre. Et eadem die, licentia petita per ipsum de Domino Abbate prædicto, idem Dominus [2] Nicolaus iter suum arripuit a [4] Tytenhangre usque Londonias, versus Tynemutham; et Londoniis permansit usque [5] Festum Sancti [6] Matthæi Apostoli, immediate sequentis. Et in crastino Sancti [6] Matthæi arripuit iter suum a Londoniis versus Tynemutham, et equitavit per Comitatum Lincolniæ; et non pervenit usque Tynemutham nisi per decem dies ante Festum [7] Omnium Sanctorum; per quod spatium multas pecunias [8] expendit, quæ domui suæ poterant multum prævalere; videlicet, Prioratui de Tynemuth, de quo Prior factus fuit, ut perantea intitulatur.

Præfixio Domini Johannis Rothebury in Archidiaconum.

Appointment of John Rothebury as Archdeacon of St.Alban's.

Mensis [9] Septembris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, Dominus Abbas creavit Dominum Johannem Rothebury, Cellerarium suum, et suum Capitalem Capellanum, in Archidiaconum jurisdictionis suæ exemptæ, et sigillum dicti officii sibi deliberavit, et licentiam sibi dedit dicta duo officia simul occupanda et exercenda.

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[1] 14th of September.
[2] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[3] *Elemosinarii* in MS.
[4] *Ty*, only, in MS.
[5] 21st of September.
[6] *Mathæi* in MS.
[7] First of November.
[8] *expendidit* in MS.
[9] *Semptembris* in MS.

Nominatio Vicariæ de Wynslowe, concessa Dominæ Elizabethæ, Reginæ Angliæ.

A.D. 1478. Grant to Elizabeth, Queen of England, of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Wynslowe.

Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsentes lit- " teræ nostræ pervenerint, Willelmus, permissione divina, " Abbas Monasterii de Sancto Albano, Anglorum [1] Pro- " tomartyre, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ec- " clesiam, nullo modo, pertinentis, Ordinis Sancti Bene- " dicti, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Sciatis me, " præfatum Abbatem, ex mera voluntate et assensu meis, " dedisse, et per præsentes concessisse, Excellentissimæ " Principissæ et Dominæ nostræ [3] Supremæ, Elizabethæ, " Dei gratia, Reginæ Angliæ et Franciæ, ac Dominæ " Hiberniæ, et assignatis suis, potestatem nostram ad " nominandum quamcunque personam [4] idoneam ad Vi- " cariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis Sancti Lau- " rentii, de Wynslowe, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, ad col- " lationem meam de jure spectantem, cum jam primo " et proximo, post datam præsentium, per resignatio- " nem, cessionem, promotionem, dimissionem, seu quo- " cunque alio modo, eandem Vicariam, pro dicta prima " et proxima vice tantum, vacare contigerit. Ita quod " bene licebit præfatæ Excellentissimæ Principissæ, et " Dominæ nostræ [3] Supremæ, et assignatis suis, aucto- " ritate prædictæ concessionis meæ, ad Vicariam præ- " dictam quemcunque personam [4] idoneam, cum jam " primo et proximo vacare contigerit, [5] mihi, Abbati " prædicto, vel successoribus meis, Abbatibus, nominare; " et quod nos teneamur, et successores nostri tenean- " tur, personam hujusmodi, sic nominatam, et nullam " aliam, ad dictam Vicariam admittere, et ipsam in " eadem canonice instituere. Ita quod, postquam dicta " Principissa Excellentissima, vel assignati sui, [6] [vice]

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[1] *Prothomartire* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *Suppremæ* in MS.
[4] *ydoniam* in MS.
[5] *michi* in MS.
[6] Omitted in MS.

A.D. 1478. " unica tantum, ut prædicitur, aliquam personam [1] ido-
" neam ad dictam Vicariam nominaverint, sive nomi-
" naverit, et persona sic nominata ad eandem admissa
" fuerit, extunc collatio, donatio, nominatio, et quævis
" alia dispositio, dictæ Vicariæ, ad me, et successores
" meos, præfati monasterii Abbates, libere revertantur.
" In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus
" apposui. Data in Monasterio meo de Sancto Albano
" prædicto, septimo-decimo die mensis Maii, anno Domini
" millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo."

Præfixio Dompni [2] Nicolai Boston, Monasterii Sancti Albani Archidiaconi et [3] Eleemosynarii, in Priorem de Tynemuth, ad terminum vitæ suæ.

Appointment of Nicholas Boston as Prior of Tynemouth, for the term of his life.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, Ordinis Sancti Bene-
" dicti, Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, Sedi Apostolicæ imme-
" diate subjecti, dilecto nobis in Christo, Dompno
" [5] Nicolao Bostone, ejusdem monasterii confratri et
" commonacho, Ordinem prædictum in ipso monasterio
" expresse professo, et in ordine sacerdotali constituto,
" salutem in Domino. Religiosus zelus vitæ, et morum
" honestas, ac in temporalibus et spiritualibus probitas
" circumspecta, aliaque laudabilia probitatis et virtutum
" merita, quibus te etiam ad gerendum, exercendum,
" et obtinendum, curam, regimen, et administrationem,
" tam spiritualium quam temporalium, cujuscunque
" Domus, sive Prioratus, Ordinis memorati novimus in-
" signitum, nos inducunt ut ea tibi, quæ in dicti mo-
" nasterii utilitatem, personæque et famæ tuæ honorem,
" cedere possint, favorabiliter concedamus. Hinc est,
" quod cum Domus, sive Prioratus, Beatæ Mariæ et
" Sancti [6] Oswyni, Regis et [7] Martyris, de Tynemutha,

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[1] *ydoniam* in MS.
[2] *Nicholai* in MS.
[3] *Elemosinarii* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *Nicholao* in MS.
[6] *Oswyny* in MS.
[7] *Martiris* in MS.

" Dunelmensis [1] Diœcesis, a Monasterio Sancti Albani A.D. 1478.
" prædicti tanquam Cella, sive membrum, ejusdem, no-
" torie dependens, per revocationem et amotionem
" dilecti confratris nostri, Dompni Johannis Langtone,
" ultimi ejusdem loci Prioris, per nos factam, vacaverit,
" atque vacet in præsenti, cujus prætextu, ejusdem Do-
" mus, sive Prioratus, collatio et omnimoda dispositio,
" Priorisque ejusdem loci [2] præfixio, creatio, deputatio,
" et ordinatio, ac spiritualium et temporalium ejusdem
" loci commissio, ad nos, Abbatem prædictum, solum
" et in solidum, tam de jure, quam de antiqua, hacte-
" nusque approbata et observata, consuetudine, pertinet,
" et dinoscitur pertinere:—ne igitur Domus, sive Prio-
" ratus, hujusmodi, per ipsius diutinam vacationem,
" gravia [3] pateretur [4] incommoda, ei, prout ex debito
" tenemur, congrue providere, et te paterno favore in
" hac parte prosequi volentes, præmissorum tuorum
" meritorum intuitu, tibi, ex mero motu et liberalitate
" nostris, Domum, sive Prioratum, hujusmodi, cum ipsius
" juribus, commoditatibus, præeminentiis, jurisdictioni-
" bus, libertatibus, et pertinentiis, quibuscunque, durante
" vita tua naturali, concedimus et conferimus; teque
" Priorem perpetuum ejusdem Domus, sive Prioratus,
" præficimus, creamus, ordinamusque, et deputamus,
" curam, regimen, et administrationem, tam spiritua-
" lium et temporalium ejusdem loci, tibi in Domino
" committentes, et committimus per præsentes; colla-
" tione et dispositione dicti Prioratus, cum illam per
" tuam cessionem sive resignationem, amotionem, aut
" per mortem, in futurum vacare contigerit, nobis, et
" successoribus nostris, in omnibus semper salvis et
" reservatis. In cujus rei *et cætera*. Data
" [5] mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo quadringente-
" simo septuagesimo octavo."

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *præfeccio* in MS.
[3] *pataretur* in MS.
[4] *incomoda* in MS.
[5] The day of the month is omitted.

Tynemutha.—Littera [1] *suspensionis, citationis, et exonerationis, Dompni Johannis Langton, nuper Prioris de Tynemutha, a regimine Prioratus prædicti, propter suas contumacias et disobedientias, factas Domino Johanni Rothebury, Cellerario Monasterii Sancti Albani, et Domino* [2] *Nicolao Kyrkeby, ejusdem monasterii Præcentori, ad Prioratum prædictum visitandum per Dominum Abbatem missis, et cætera.*

A.D. 1478. Formal deposition of John Langton from the office of Prior of Tynemouth, by reason of his disobedience to the Visitors, appointed by the Abbot of St. Alban's.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii de " Sancto Albano, Anglorum [3] Protomartyre, ad Roma- " nam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, Lincolniensis " [4] Diœcesis, tibi, Dompno Johanni Langton, commo- " nacho nostro, et utinam obedientiæ filio, illam con- " tritionis lacrimam, quæ inobedientiæ filios ad gratiam " revocat, et a communione sequestratos fidelium ad " gremium almæ Matris Ecclesiæ misericorditer reducit. " Confrater,—scriptum est, ubi morbus est magis pes- " tilens, ibi oportet medelam fortiorem apponere, ubi- " que vulnus gravius, ibi expedit ligare cautius, de " celeriorique remedio providere. Hinc est, fili exor- " bitans, quod, inobedientiæ tuæ et propriæ salutis " immemor, Deum non reverens, et periculum animæ " tuæ non metuens, ausu temerario, me, patronum " tuum, magistrum, et Abbatem, dehonestare, et quasi " pro nihilo habere, voluisti, et fratres meos, nuper " Visitatores tuos, perturbare; et litteris meis, tibi per " eos porrectis, nullo modo obedire præsumpsisti; ita " quod, sine sui maximo periculo, vix de manibus tuis, " et servientium tuorum, litteris nostris prius minuta- " tim per media tua dilaceratis, evaderent, et pene de " vita sua [5] desperarent. Propter hæc enim, et multa

[1] *suspencionis* in MS.
[2] *Nicholao* in MS.
[3] *Prothomartire* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *disperarent* in MS.

" graviora, quæ ad præsens tibi non objicimus, expedit A.D. 1478.
" acriora apponere, quia cum dolore abscindenda sunt
" vulnera quæ leniter sanari non poterunt, cum
" corrosioneque evellenda sunt superflua, quæ nimium
" in carne obdurescunt. Exoneramus igitur te ab
" officio Prioratus nostri de Tynemutha, præcipiens
" tibi, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, et sub pœna juris,
" quod neque de spiritualibus, neque de temporalibus,
" amodo interponas. Denunciamus etiam te, in pleno
" Capitulo nostro, fuisse et esse suspensum a celebra-
" tione divinorum, et per præsentes a celebratione divi-
" norum suspendimus; insuper citantes et monentes te,
" primo, secundo, et tertio, quod in propria [1] persona
" tua, omni fallaci excusatione postposita, compareas
" coram nobis, ubicunque fuerimus, infra jurisdictionem
" nostram, infra quindecim dies post receptionem harum
" nostrarum litterarum, ad allegandum causam rationa-
" bilem, si quam habueris, quare ad graviora contra te
" procedere non debeamus. In cujus rei testimonium,
" sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Data
" in Monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano prædicto,
" quinto-decimo die mensis Martii, anno Domini mil-
" lesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [2] septimo."

Leccheworthe.

Mensis Junii die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, præsentatio facta fuit Domino Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, pro Domino Roberto Syssottyssone, Capellano, pro Rectoria de Leccheworthe, vacante per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Whitacris, in manibus Episcopi factam: ut Johannes Sturgone, de Hitchyne, scripsit Domino Abbati; ad cujus instantiam, Dominus Abbas contulit

Presentation to the Rectory of Leccheworthe.

[1] *parsona* in MS.
[2] A.D. 1478, according to the present mode of computation.

A.D. 1478. dicto Roberto beneficium prædictum; salva annua pensione octo solidorum quatuor denariorum.

Procuratorium.

Letters of proxy given to John Peyke, Chaplain of the Vicarage of Eversdone Magna.

Mensis Martii die vicesimo septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, procuratorium factum fuit Domino Johanni Peyke, Capellano Vicariæ de Eversdone Magna, pro diversis negotiis, pro domino, in Comitatu Cantebrugiæ agendis; modo et forma, prout reperiri poterit in præcedentibus, *et cætera.*

[1] *Præfixio* [2] *Eleemosynarii et Sub-Eleemosynarii.*

Appointment of Thomas Walingford as Almoner.

Mensis ejusdem quinto-decimo die, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, Dominus Abbas creavit Dominum Thomam Walingford, ad tunc suum [3] Sub-Eleemosynarium, in [3] Eleemosynarium Monasterii Sancti Albani, et Dominum Johannem Pavor fecit [3] Sub-Eleemosynarium ejusdem monasterii.

Nortoune.

Gift of the Vicarage of Nortoune, on the deprivation of the late Vicar.

Mensis Octobris die ultimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, data fuit Vicaria de Nortoune Domino Laurentio Nycholle, Capellano; vacans quia Dominis Rogerus Caldecote, ultimus Vicarius ibidem, recessit, illicentiatus ab Ordinario suo, a dicta Vicaria sua, et auctoritate Ordinaria vocatus fuit ad residentiam suam, et ad deserviendum curæ suæ. Et quia, post trinam juridicam monitionem et vocationem, comparere, et curam suam custodire, minime curavit, ideo privatus fuit a dicta Vicaria sua *et cætera.*

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[1] *Præfixo* in MS.

[2] *Elemosinarii et Sub-Elemosinarii* in MS.

[3] *Sub-Elemosinarium* . . . *Elemosinarium* in MS.

Littera Testimonialis, facta pro Georgio Danyell, Armigero.

" Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, ad quorum " notitiam præsentes litteræ pervenerint, Willelmus, " permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii de Sancto Al- " bano, Anglorum [1] Protomartyre, Lincolniensis [2] Diœ- " cesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, " salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Sciatis quod tertia " die mensis Maii, anno regni Regis Edwardi Quarti " decimo octavo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringen- " tesimo septuagesimo octavo, Johannes Wellis, de villa " de Sancto Albano, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, Armiger, " in præsentia mei, præfati Abbatis, in manerio solitæ " residentiæ meæ, apud Titenhangre, et quamplurimo- " rum adtunc ibidem præsentium et astantium, libere, " sponte, et absolute, non [3] coactus, nec compulsus, " neque vi aut metu ductus, quamdam generalem re- " laxationem, cujus data est vicesimo nono die mensis " Maii, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Quarti post Con- " quæstum, decimo octavo, prout in eadem plenius " continetur, sigillavit, et illam Georgio Danyelle, Ar- " migero, pro suo facto, manibus suis propriis delibe- " ravit; et tam me, præfatum Abbatem, quam cir- " cumspectum virum, Magistrum Johannem Wyntone, " Capellanum, Vicarium de Rikmersworthe, Willelmum " Westby, Armigerum, ballivum libertatis meæ, Johan- " nem Newbury, Armigerum, ballivum villæ nostræ de " Sancto Albano prædicto, Thomam Beverley, *Jantil-* " *man*, Radulphum Gelebrond, *Jantilman*, Willelmum " Pulteney, *Jantilman*, Thomam Lambard, Armigerum, " Thomam West, *Mercer*, et Rogerum Cooper, de astan- " tibus supradictis, adtunc præsentes, intime rogavit, " et humiliter supplicavit, ut dignaremur testificare, sub

A.D. 1478. Formal attestation of a release made by John Wellis, Esquire, to George Danyelle, Esquire.

[1] *Prothomartire* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *choactus* in MS.

A.D. 1478. " sigillis nostris, eandem relaxationem suam fore spon-
" taneam, et non [1]coactam, veram, et non fictam, ac
" pro vero facto suo præfato Georgio Danyell delibe-
" ratam ; et quod nunquam aliquam aliam relaxationem,
" præter illam, diebus vitæ suæ, de et in aliquibus ter-
" ris, tenementis, redditibus, reventionibus, et servitiis,
" cum suis pertinentiis, in Rikmersworthe prædicta,
" quibuscunque, alicui viventi fecit, seu per antea sigil-
" lavit. In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum mei,
" præfati Abbatis, quam sigilla testium prænominatorum,
" præsentibus sunt appensa. Data in manerio nostro
" de Tytenhangre prædicto, mense, die, et anno, præ-
" dictis."

Certificatorium pro Decimis colligendis.

Receipt of the Writ for the collection of a tenth, granted by the Clergy to the King; and Certificate as to the Collector thereof, within the jurisdiction of St. Alban's.

Mensis Novembris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, receptum fuit breve regium, apud Titenhangre, pro decimis colligendis, in ultima Convocatione ante datam præsentium Domino Regi per Clerum Angliæ concessis; videlicet, pro una integra decima. Et [2]Certificatorium missum fuit Thesaurario et Baronibus de Scaccario Domini Regis, de Collectore hujusmodi decimæ, et de beneficiis taxatis et non taxatis, infra jurisdictionem Monasterii Sancti Albani, modo et forma prout reperies per ante, in Registro Domini Willelmi Albon, nuper Abbatis, mutatis mutandis.

Rasura Monachorum, cum professione eorundem.

Assumption, by certain persons, of the monastic garb. A.D. 1477, 8.

Mensis Octobris [3][die septimo-decimo], videlicet, in Festo Sanctæ Etheldredæ Virginis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo, recepti fuerunt ad habitum monachalem Johannes Killingworth, Wil-

[1] *choactam* in MS.
[2] *Certificorium* in MS.
[3] Omitted in MS.

lelmus Ronham, Richardus Feeld, Thomas Hamptone, Willelmus Lythyng, et Willelmus Martynne. . Et in Festo Circumcisionis Domini, Domino Abbate in pontificalibus existente, [1] solemniter, coram summo altare, in monasterio prædicto, fuerunt professi. A.D. 1478.

Rasura Monachorum.

Assumption, by certain persons, of the monastic garb.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo tertio, videlicet, in Festo Sancti Clementis Papæ, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, recepti fuerunt ad habitum monachalem Johannes Smythe, filius Willelmi Smythe, tunc ballivi Sancti Albani, Thomas Rutlond, Thomas Olgrave, Richardus Bever, Johannes Wodeley, Johannes Martynne, et Johannes Erly.

Littera Testimonialis pro Crucesignatis.

Letters Testimonial, in favour of two persons, who intend to enter upon a Crusade. A.D. 1479.

" Universis Christi fidelibus, præsentes litteras in-
" specturis, Richardus Walshale, Capellanus, Sub-Custos
" Capellæ Sancti Andreæ, infra præcinctum exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2] Protomartyris,
" Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, si-
" tuatæ, salutem in Eo de Cujus latere salus universæ
" saliit creaturæ. Universitati vestræ notum facio, per
" præsentes, quod secundo die mensis Februarii, anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo oc-
" tavo, licentia et auctoritate Venerabilis in Christo
" Patris et Domini, Domini Willelmi, divina misera-
" tione, Abbatis exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani
" supradicti, [4] mihi in hac parte traditis et commissis,
" Johannis Sayntone et Willelmi Atwode, præsentium
" latorum, in Capella prædicta, confessiones audivi,
" Sacramentumque altaris eisdem ministravi, ac pectora

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[1] *solempniter* in MS.
[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *michi* in MS.

A.D. 1479. " sua in honorem Passionis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi,
" cum cruce ferrea, prout moris est, signavi. Et quia
" præfati Johannes et Willelmus, gratia Dei mediante,
" contra Christi inimicos debellare proponunt, ut asse-
" ruerunt, ideo pium et meritorium est, ex [1] eleemosy-
" nis Christi fidelium ipsos relevare, et eis succurrere,
" ac versus iter prædictum adjuvare. In cujus rei
" testimonium, sigillum meum apposui; et quia Reve-
" rentiis vestris sigillum meum est minime cognitum,
" sigillum Venerabilis in Christo Patris, Willelmi, Ab-
" batis prænominati, caritatis intuitu, præsentibus ap-
" poni procuravi. Data apud Sanctum Albanum, mense,
" die, et anno, supradictis."

Cornwere, alias dictum "Llandeylow Gornewern," in South Wallia.

Presentation to the Rectory of Cornwere, otherwise called "Landeylow Gronewern."

Mensis Maii die quinto, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, præsentatio facta fuit Domino Roberto, Menevensi Episcopo, pro Magistro Johanne David, alias dicto "Kydwelly," ad inducendum ipsum in Rectoriam de Cornwere, alias dictam "Landeylow Gronewern," Menevensis [2] Diœcesis, per mortem Magistri Walteri Forest vacantem, *et cætera;* salva annua [3] pensione duorum solidorum.

Procuratorium ad visitandum limina Apostolorum.

Nomination by the Abbot of St. Alban's of certain proxies, to visit the Apostolic See, in his stead.

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum in-
" strumentum, cunctis appareat evidenter, quod anno
" ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" septuagesimo octavo, Indictione duodecima, Pontifi-
" catus Sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini, Domini
" nostri Sixti, divina Providentia, Papæ, Quarti, anno

[1] *elemosinis* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *pencione* in MS.

" octavo, mensis vero Februarii die quarto-decimo, Ve- A.D. 1479.
" nerabilis in Christo Pater, Willelmus, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, Ordinis
" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [1] [Diœcesis], in domo
" residentiæ suæ, juxta Domum Fratrum Augustinen-
" sium, Civitatis Londoniarum, in mei, Walteri Bedlow,
" Notarii Publici subscripti, et testium inferius subscrip-
" torum, præsentia, personaliter constitutus, tunc ibidem
" publice recitavit et dixit, quod ipse, tam grandi senio
" confractus, ac diversis infirmitatibus indies quasi per-
" gravatus et detentus, ipsiusque corpore et sensibus
" propter præmissa adeo debilitatus et debilis effectus,
" ac sic aliis multipliciter legitime impeditus, extitit,
" ac sic existeret in futurum, quod per seipsum, juxta
" juramentum ad Sancta Dei Evangelia, tempore mu-
" neris benedictionis sibi impensi, sibi corporaliter
" præstitum, in Romana Curia personaliter comparere,
" ac Apostolorum limina inibi, in persona sua, visitare,
" absque gravi ipsius vitæ periculo, non poterat, neque
" posset extunc quoquo modo in futuro; Venerabiles,
" igitur, et egregios viros, Dominos Fortiguerra de
" Franchis, [2] Archipresbyterum Lucanum, Decretorum,
" et Johannem Gyglis, Canonicum Wellensem, utrius-
" que Juris, Doctores, conjunctim et divisim, ac eorum
" utrumque, per se et in solidum, ita quod non sit
" melior conditio occupantis, [3] sed quod unus eorum in-
" ceperit, alter ipsorum id libere prosequi, mediare,
" valeat, et finire, suos veros et legitimos, certos et
" indubitatos, ad infrascripta, ordinavit, fecit, et consti-
" tuit, procuratores, actores, factores, negotiorumque
" subscriptorum gestores, et nuncios speciales. Deditque
" et concessit idem Venerabilis Pater, Dominus Willel-
" mus, Abbas, constituens antedictus, prædictis Dominis
" Fortiguerra et Johanni Giglis, procuratoribus ante-

[1] Omitted in MS.
[2] *Archipresbiterum* in MS.
[3] *set* in MS.

A.D. 1479. " dictis, conjunctim, et utrique illorum, ut præfertur
" divisim, et in solidum, potestatem generalem, et man-
" datum speciale, pro eodem constituente, et nomine
" suo, conspectui præfati Domini nostri Papæ, ipsius-
" que, sive Sedis Apostolicæ Camerarii, præsentandi,
" limina quoque Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, in alma
" urbe Romana, prout ipse Dominus Abbas, ex debito
" præstiti per eum juramenti præfati, tenebatur, aut
" quoque modo teneri deberet in futuro, visitandi, cau-
" samque et causas absentiæ et non personalis compa-
" ritionis dicti Domini Willelmi Abbatis, impedimen-
" tumque et impedimenta suprascripta allegandi, quare
" idem Dominus Willelmus Abbas præsentationem et
" visitationem hujusmodi in persona sua non fecerit;
" et præsertim impedimenta suprascripta allegandi,
" proponendi, et probandi; ac de veritate causarum et
" impedimentorum hujusmodi, in animam dicti consti-
" tuentis jurandi, et aliud quodcunque juramentum,
" licitum et honestum, in eandem animam faciendi et
" præstandi; eundemque constituentem, quoad perso-
" nalem ipsius comparitionem in præmissis, et quolibet
" præmissorum, excusandi, et excusatum haberi petendi,
" et obtinendi; necnon quascunque Litteras etiam Apo-
" stolicas, gratiam, favorem, seu communem notitiam, in
" se continentes, impetrandi, ac impetratis et impetran-
" dis ab aliis opponendi et contradicendi; cæteraque
" quomodolibet [1] opportuna, et quæ dictus constituens
" faceret, seu facere posset, si præsens personaliter in-
" teresset. Et promisit insuper dictus Venerabilis Pa-
" ter, Dominus Willelmus, constituens antedictus, [2] mihi,
" Notario Publico præfato, tunc ibidem stipulanti vice
" et nomine omnium et singulorum in hac parte inter-
" esse habentium et recipientium, se ratum, gratum, et
" firmum, perpetuo habiturum, totum et [3] quicquid dicti

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[1] *oportuna* in MS.
[2] *michi* in MS.
[3] *quicquit* in MS.

" procuratores sui, vel eorum alter, fecerint, seu fecerit, A.D. 1479.
" in præmissis, vel aliquo præmissorum, sub omnium
" suorum rerum et bonorum, præsentium et futurorum,
" [1] hypotheca et obligatione. Et in ea parte cautionem
" exposuit, ac super præmissis omnibus et singulis me,
" Notarium Publicum prædictum, et subscriptum, sibi
" unum, vel plurima, publicum, vel publica, instrumen-
" tum, seu instrumenta, conficere requisivit tunc ibidem.
" Acta fuerunt hæc omnia et singula, prout supra scri-
" buntur et recitantur, sub anno Domini, Indictione,
" Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prædictis ; præsentibus
" tunc ibidem discretis viris, Johanne Newburn et Ra-
" dulpho Gelibrond, Litteratis, Lincolniensis, ac Coven-
" trensis et Lichefeldensis, [2] Dicœcesium, testibus ad
" præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis."

" Et ego, Walterus Bedlow, Clericus, Lincolniensis
" [3] Dicœcesis, Publicus, auctoritatibus Apostolica et Im-
" periali, Notarius, quia dictorum procuratorum consti-
" tutioni et potestatis dationi prædictis, cæterisque
" præmissis, omnibus et singulis, dum, sicut præmitti-
" tur, per prælibatum Dominum Willelmum, Abbatem,
" constituentem antedictum, sub anno Domini, Indic-
" tione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prædictis, age-
" bantur et fiebant, una cum prænominatis testibus,
" præsens personaliter interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et
" audivi ; ideo hoc præsens publicum instrumentum,
" manu mea propria scriptum, exinde confeci, sub-
" scripsi, publicavi, et in hanc publicam formam red-
" egi ; signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis
" signavi, meque hic subscripsi, rogatus et requisitus,
" in fidem et testimonium præmissorum. Et constat
" [4] mihi de rasura harum dictionum, ' Franchis juran-
" ' dum ' ; et aliud quodcunque superius in præsenti
" instrumento scriptum. Quas approbo, et omni sinis-
" tra suspicione carere volo, ego, Notarius antedictus."

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[1] *ypoteca* in MS.
[2] *Diocesium* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *michi* in MS.

A.D. 1479. John Gyglis, the Papal Collector in England.

Memorandum, quod tempore confectionis instrumenti supradicti, Venerabilis vir, Dominus Johannes Gyglis, in dicto instrumento nominatus, fuit Collector Domini Papæ, prænominati, in Anglia.

Garsyngton, pertinens Prioratui de Wallyngford.

Formal presentation to the Rectory of Garsingtone.

" Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino " Thomæ, divina miseratione, Lincolniensi Episcopo, " vestri [1] humiles oratores, et devoti, Antonius Sowche, " Prior Domus, sive Collegii, Sanctæ Trinitatis, de Wa- " lingford, Monasterio Sancti Albani unitæ et annexæ, " et ejusdem loci Conventus, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " dictæ vestræ [2] Diœcesis, omnimodas reverentias et " honores. Ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de [3] Garsingtone, " dictæ vestræ [2] Diœcesis, et nostri Patronatus, per " mortem Magistri Thomæ Suttone, ultimi Rectoris " ibidem, vacantem, et ad nostram præsentationem, " pleno jure, spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo, " Magistrum Willelmum Dayfote, in Decretis Bacula- " rium, Paternitati vestræ Reverendæ præsentamus ; " humiliter supplicantes, et devote, quatinus eundem " Magistrum Willelmum Dayfote ad dictam ecclesiam " admittere, ac ipsum Rectorem in eadem instituere, " cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, cæteraque omnia " peragere, quæ vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio " pastorali, dignemini gratiose ; jure, dignitate, et con- " suetudinibus, Domus, sive Cellæ, nostræ antedictæ, " necnon quadam annua pensione centum solidorum " nobis et dictæ Cellæ nostræ, ac alia pensione quad- " raginta solidorum Domui Sanctæ Frideswidæ, in " Oxonia, ab eadem Rectoria debitis, et annuatim per- " solvendis, in omnibus semper salvis. Data in Domo " Capitulari Domus, sive Cellæ, de Walingford præ-

[1] *humili*, apparently, in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] In Oxfordshire.

" dicta, quarto die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo A.D. 1479.
" quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, sub sigillo com-
" muni Domus supradictæ."

Annuitas concessa Johanni Barry, ad terminum vitæ Domini Abbatis.

Grant of an annuity and a gown to John Barry, for the release of his interest in the manor of Bigging.

Mensis Junii die vicesimo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, Dominus Abbas concessit Johanni Barry, *Jantilman*, unam annuitatem quadraginta solidorum, cum roba de secta generosorum suorum, longitudinis usque ad pedes ipsius Johannis; percipiendo annuatim in manerio de Bigging, in Comitatu Bukenhamiæ, durante vita naturali ipsius Domini Abbatis, annuitatem supradictam, cum clausula districtionis; prout in litteris patentibus indentatis, et cum sigillo Domini Abbatis tunc sigillatis, plenius apparet. Pro qua quidem annuitate, et roba, idem Johannes [1] relaxavit Domino Abbati omnes annos et terminos suos quos habuit in manerio de Bigging [2] prædicto ad firmam, pro centum solidis: et postmodum dimittebatur ad firmam pro septem libris. Et ulterius, præfatus Johannes, ratione annuitatis et robæ supradictæ, erat de Concilio Domini Abbatis, *et cætera.*

Garsington.

The Rectory of Garsington given to John Lane, in place of William Dayfote, at the instance of Lionel, son of

Memorandum, quod Rectoria de Garsington prænominata data fuit, et noviter concessa, cuidam Magistro Johanni Lane, Sacræ Theologiæ Baculario, Capellano Magistro Leonello, filio Serenissimæ Principissæ, Dominæ Elizabethæ, Reginæ Angliæ, Officiali Comitatus Oxoniæ, ad instantiam ipsius Magistri Leonelli, factam Domino Episcopo Eliensi. Et præsentatio prima cancellata fuit, et præsentatio secunda facta fuit, sub data vicesimi

[1] *relaxuit* in MS. | [2] *prædicti* in MS.

A.D. 1479. Elizabeth, Queen of England.

diei mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, mutatis mutandis, ut supra, et pensionibus salvis.

The first presentation made upon the nomination of the Bishop of Ely.

Memorandum etiam, quod Dominus Episcopus Eliensis habuit nominationem præsentandi de Domino Abbate Magistrum Willelmum Daifote, in prima præsentatione nominatum, *et cætera*, ad dictam Rectoriam; et postmodum, precibus et instantiis Magistri Leonelli supradicti, data fuit, ut prædicitur.

Garsington.

Neither of the presentations to the Rectory of Garsington takes effect; the next presentation having been given by the late Abbot to Sir Edmund Reede.

Memorandum ulterius, quod, non obstantibus concessionibus, ut supra, factis, primo, Domino Eliensi Episcopo, pro Capellano suo, Magistro Willelmo Dayfote, prout in prima præsentatione supra exprimitur, secundo, Magistro Johanni Lane, Capellano Magistri Leonelli, supra insertis, factis, neuter ipsorum in dicto beneficio de Garsingtone obtinuit desiderium suum. Quia [1] quidam Edmundus Reede, Miles, de Comitatu Berkesciræ, habuit nominationem præsentandi ad dictum beneficium quemcunque Capellanum [2] idoneum, ex donatione et concessione Magistri Willelmi Albone, ultimi Abbatis, prædecessoris Venerabilis Domini nostri, Willelmi Walingforde, jam Abbatis; cui dicta concessio penitus incognita extiterat.

Wyngrave.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Wyngrave.

Mensis Julii die decimo-quarto, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, præsentatus fuit Domino Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Dominus Ricardus Walrond, Capellanus, ad instituendum in Vicariam de [3] Wyngrave, vacantem per mortem Domini Ricardi Formby; salva annua pensione trium solidorum.

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[1] *quidem* in MS.
[2] *ydonium* in MS.
[3] Wingrave, in Buckinghamshire.

Shepehale.

A.D. 1479. Gift of the Vicarage of Shepehale to Thomas Hemmyngforth, recommended by Papal Bull.

Mensis Octobris die decimo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo [1] septuagesimo nono, data fuit Vicaria de Shepale, vacans per mortem Dompni [2] Nicolai Breteune, Domino Thomæ Hemmyngforth, Fratri Ordinis Fratrum Heremitarum, adtunc Vicario de [3] Sarett; quem per Bullam [4] Sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Pii, Papæ, Secundi, Dominus Abbas novit beneficii curati, etiam etsi vicaria foret, esse capacem.

Licence given him also, by Letters Apostolic, to hold a plurality.

Ulterius notum fuit Domino Abbati, per Litteras Apostolicas [4] Sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Sixti, divina Providentia, Papæ, Quarti, præfatum Thomam duorum beneficiorum, vigore pluralitatis, curam accipere posse; prout in dictis Litteris Apostolicis, quarum data est Romæ, apud Sanctum Petrum, anno Incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, sexto [5] Idus Martii, anno Pontificatus sui octavo, evidentius apparet; salva annua pensione tredecim solidorum quatuor denariorum, Prioratui, sive Cellæ, [6] Sanctæ Trinitatis de Walingford, de præfata Vicaria debita, et annuatim persolvenda.

Litteræ patentes concessæ Willelmo Domino de Hastingis, de officio Senescalli.

Formal grant to William, Lord Hastings, of the office of Seneschal,

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens
" scriptum pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina,
" Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejus-
" dem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam.
" Sciatis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum, consi-

[1] *septuagemino* in MS.
[2] *Nicholai* in MS.
[3] In Hertfordshire.
[4] *Santissimi* in MS.
[5] 10th of March.
[6] *Santæ* in MS.

A,D. 1478. or Steward, of St. Alban's.

" derantes singularem amorem quem [1] Willelmus, Dominus de Hastingis, erga nos, ecclesiamque nostram, ante hæc tempora gessit, eundemque gerere confidentes in futurum, dedisse, et per præsentes [2] concessisse, eidem Willelmo officium Senescalli, sive Senescalciæ nostræ, omnium maneriorum, dominiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, libertatum, franchesiarum, et villarum, nostrarum, quarumcunque, in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ, Essexiæ, Bukenhamiæ, Berkesciræ, Myddilsexiæ, et alibi infra regnum Angliæ, et in Wallia, existentium, et dicto nostro monasterio pertinentium :—habendum et tenendum officium prædictum præfato Willelmo, Domino de Hastingis, et suo sufficienti deputato, ad terminum vitæ ipsius Willelmi tantum ; recipiendo in officio illo, cum acciderit, omnia vadia, feoda, annuitates, liberatas, cameras, togas, stabula, sustentationes equorum, cum ferruris eorundem, et omnia regarda, et singula, eidem officio pertinentia, et ex antiquo debita et consueta. Et non licebit præfato Willelmo, Domino de Hastingis, officium prædictum alicui dare, vendere, nec ad firmam dimittere, sive alienare, quovismodo, sine assensu et voluntate nostrum, prædictorum Abbatis et Conventus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Data in Manerio solitæ residentiæ nostræ, apud Titenhangre, [3] vicesimo die mensis Decembris, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Quarti post Conquæstum, decimo-octavo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo."

Resignatio Vicarii de Langley Abbatis.

Formal resignation of the

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, Venerabili viro, Domino Johanne Rothebury, Archidiacono ex-

[1] Afterwards beheaded, by order of Richard III., in 1483.

[2] *concesse* in MS.

[3] *decimo octavo* is first inserted, but has a line beneath it.

" emptæ jurisdictionis Monasterii Sancti Albani, Lin- A.D. 1479.
" colniensis [1] Diœcesis, vicem et auctoritatem Reverendi Vicarage of Abbot's
" in Christo Patris et Domini, Domini Willelmi, Dei Langley.
" gratia, Abbatis monasterii prædicti, ego, Dominus
" Henricus Bisshop, Vicarius perpetuus Ecclesiæ Paro-
" chialis de Langley Abbatis, ex certis causis veris et
" [2] legitimis, me ad hoc moventibus, a cura et regimine
" dictæ Vicariæ, sive Ecclesiæ, meæ penitus exonerari
" [3] cupiens, ipsam Vicariam meam in sacras manus
" dicti reverendi patris, cum suis juribus et pertinen-
" tiis universis, resigno; ab eademque, et ejus posses-
" sione, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, to-
" taliter hic recedo, in hiis scriptis; præsentibus tunc
" ibidem, Roberto Stodeley, Notario Publico, Willelmo
" Walton, [4] Nicolao Treves, Litteratis, et Thoma Or-
" wynne, testibus in præmissis. Acta sunt hæc trice-
" simo die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo
" quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono."

Leccheworthe.

Mensis Novembris die duodecimo, anno Domini mil- Presentation to the Rectory of Lecheworthe.
lesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, Dominus Willelmus Walingford, Abbas, præsentavit Domino Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Dominum Robertum Knyght, in Legibus Bacalarium, ad instituendum in Rectoriam de Lecheworthe, vacantem per mortem Domini Roberti Sissot, immediati rectoris ibidem; salva annua pensione tresdecim solidorum et quater denariorum, Officio Coquinarii Monasterii Sancti Albani ab eadem rectoria debita, et annuatim persolvenda.

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *legittimis* in MS.
[3] *cupientes* in M.S.
[4] *Nicholao* in MS.

Langley Abbatis.

A.D. 1479. Gift of the Vicarage of Abbot's Langley.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo tertio, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, data fuit Vicaria de Langley Abbatis Domino Johanni Cortell, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Henrici Bisshop, ultimi Vicarii ibidem ; salva annua pensione viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum.

Ecclesia Sancti Michaelis in Hoggenlane, Londoniis.

Presentation to the Rectory of St. Michael, Hogenlane, in London.

Mensis Decembris die penultimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, præsentatus fuit Domino [1] Thomæ, Londoniensi Episcopo, per Dominum Abbatem, Magister Johannes Cooke, in Legibus Doctor, ad Rectoriam Sancti Michaelis in Hogenlane, prope Wodestrete, infra Civitatem Londoniarum, per mortem Magistri Edmundi See, ultimi Rectoris ibidem ; salva annua pensione quatuor solidorum.

Anachorita Sancti Petri.

Elizabeth Katherine Holsted, admitted to become an Anchorite at St. Peter's.

Memorandum, quod secundo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo [2] septuagesimo nono, et anno regni Regis Edwardi Quarti decimonono, Littera Dominicalis B., ad instantiam Serenissimi Principis, Domini Edwardi, Regis Angliæ prænominati, et inclitissimæ Principissæ, Dominæ Elizabethæ, consortis suæ, (ac mediis et supplicationibus diversorum magnatum, in hospitio Domini Regis supradicti habitantium,) Domino Abbati factam, quædam generosa, nomine "Elizabet Katerina Holsted," vidua, admissa fuit, et professa, in Anachoritam Sancti Petri, infra villam de Sancto Albano ; Domino Abbate illo die Missam [3] solemnem in pontificalibus celebrante.

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[1] Thomas Kemp.

[2] A.D. 1480, according to the modern computation.

[3] *solempnem* in MS.

Litteræ patentes concessæ Johanni Stepnethe, usque ad certum tempus.

A.D. 1479. Grant of certain annuities to John Stepnethe, legal adviser to the Abbot and Convent, with other emoluments, and reversion of the office of Coroner of the Liberty.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum indentatum pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum, unanimi assensu et consensu totius Capituli nostri, dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præsenti scripto nostro confirmasse, dilecto nobis in Christo, Johanni Stepneth, pro suo [1] consilio nobis impenso, et [2] in posterum impendendo, unum annualem redditum viginti et sex solidorum et octo denariorum, percipiendum de nobis, et successoribus nostris, ad terminum vitæ Willelmi Westby, ballivi libertatis Abbatis Sancti Albani, per manus Cellerarii, qui pro tempore fuerit, annuatim, ad Festa Natalis Domini, Paschæ, Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, et Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, per æquales portiones, cum una roba panni, coloris de secta generosorum nostrorum, sibi per manus dicti Cellerarii, ad terminum vitæ ipsius Willelmi Westby, in Festo Sancti Johannis Baptistæ annuatim, præfato Johanni deliberanda. Insuper, sciatis nos dedisse, et concessisse, præfato Johanni unum annualem redditum tresdecim solidorum quatuor denariorum, percipiendum de nobis, et successoribus nostris, ad terminum vitæ ipsius Willelmi, annuatim ad festa prædicta, per æquales portiones, præfato Johanni deliberandum ; essendi attornatum nostrum in Banco Domini Regis, materias nostras ibidem implicitandum et prosequendum. Ac etiam sciatis nos dedisse, et concessisse, præfato Johanni Stepnethe unum annualem redditum tresdecim solidorum quatuor denariorum, percipiendum de no-

[1] *concilio* in MS. | [2] *imposterum* in MS.

A.D. 1479. " bis, et successoribus nostris, ad terminum vitæ ipsius
" Willelmi Westby, per manus dicti Cellerarii, ad Festa
" supradicta, per æquales portiones; eundem annualem
" redditum tresdecim solidorum quatuor denariorum
" præfato Johanni deliberando, quousque præfatus Jo-
" hannes promotus fuerit ad officium Coronatoris, per
" dictos Abbatem et Conventum, totius Libertatis suæ,
" in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ, Bukenhamiæ, et Bed-
" fordiæ, tam sub Sigillo [1]Communi monasterii supra-
" dicti, quam sub sigillo Abbatis monasterii supra-
" dicti, pro tempore existentis, pro termino vitæ ipsius
" Johannis, cum omnibus avauntagiis dicto officio ha-
" bitis, et ab antiquo usitatis; cum duabus carectatis
" feni, annuatim, ad Festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis
" Baptistæ, per manus dicti Cellerarii, præfato Johanni
" annuatim deliberandis; vel decem solidis, nomine
" feni. Concessimus ulterius præfato Johanni, durante
" vita sua, esculenta et poculenta, pro se et serviente
" suo, quandocunque ad domicilium nostrum pervene-
" rint, seu aliquis ipsorum pervenerit. In cujus rei
" testimonium, tam sigilla prædictorum Abbatis et Con-
" ventus, quam sigillum præfati Johannis Stepneth,
" præsentibus scriptis indentatis alternatim sunt ap-
" pensa. Data in Domo Capitulari monasterii prædicti
" [2] , anno regni Regis Edwardi Quarti
" decimo-nono, et anno Domini millesimo quadringen-
" tesimo septuagesimo nono."

Litteræ patentes, prædicto Johanni Stepneth concessæ, ad terminum vitæ suæ, post mortem W. W., ut patet, cum acciderit.

Grant of the reversion of the office of Hundredor, " Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos *et cætera.*
" Noveritis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum,
" unanimi assensu et consensu totius Capituli nostri,
" dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præsenti scripto nostro

[1] *Comune* in MS.

[2] The day of the month is omitted.

" confirmasse, dilecto nobis in Christo, Johanni Step- A.D. 1479.
" nethe, pro suo consilio nobis prius inpenso, et [1] in or Bailiff,
" posterum impendendo, totum illud officium, sive oc- of the Li-
" cupationem officii, Hundredarii, sive Ballivi, totius berty, to the said John Stepnethe.
" Libertatis nostræ, in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ, Buken-
" hamiæ, et Bedfordiæ, cum returnis omnium brevium
" et præceptorum, una cum executionibus eorundem,
" cum officium illud vacaverit, sive acciderit, per mor-
" tem Willelmi Westby, Armigeri; habendum et occu-
" pandum dictum officium, sive occupationem, Ballivi
" libertatis, sive Hundredarii, cum omnibus et singu-
" lis vadiis, feodis, avauntagiis, et pertinentiis, quibus-
" cunque, dicto officio ab antiquo habitis et usitatis,
" adeo plene et integre prout alii [2] Ballivi, sive Hun-
" dredarii, dictæ Libertatis, habuerunt, seu habere con-
" sueverunt, præfato Johanni Stepnethe, vel suo suffi-
" cienti deputato, ad terminum vitæ ipsius Johannis
" Stepnethe, immediate post mortem dicti Willelmi.
" Et prædictus Johannes conservabit nos, et succes-
" sores nostros, [3] indemnes erga Dominum Regem, tam
" in Scaccario suo quam in aliis Curiis et locis qui-
" buscunque, sicut alii Ballivi, sive Hundredarii, in
" officio prædicto [4] facere debuerunt. Et prædictus
" Johannes obligat se, per præsentes, quod erit fidelis
" nobis, et successoribus nostris, tam in dictis quam
" in factis. In [5] [cujus] rei testimonium, *et cætera.*
" *De data ut supra.*"

Litteræ Patentes concessæ prænominato Johanni post mortem J. F., ut patet, cum acciderit.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, *et cætera.* Sciatis nos, Grant of the reversion of the
" præfatos Abbatem et Conventum *et cætera*, dilecto office of Attorney
" nobis in Christo, Johanni Stepnethe, officium, sive

[1] *imposterum* in MS.
[2] *Ballivini*, apparently, in MS.
[3] *indempnes* in MS.
[4] *fieri* in MS.
[5] Omitted in MS.

A.D. 1479. to the Abbot and Convent, to the said John Stepnethe.

" occupationem, Attornati nostri, ad omnes actiones
" nostras prosequendum et implacitandum ad commu-
" nem legem, cum officium illud proximo vacaverit,
" sive acciderit, per mortem Johannis Ferrers Senioris,
" occupationem officii prædicti occupantis; habendum
" et tenendum occupationem officii supradicti præfato
" Johanni Stepnethe, vel ejus sufficienti deputato, ad
" terminum vitæ ipsius Johannis Stepnethe, imme-
" diate post hujusmodi vacationem, una cum quodam
" annuo redditu viginti et sex solidorum octo denari-
" orum, de nobis et successoribus nostris annuatim,
" per manum Cellerarii monasterii nostri prædicti,
" ad Festa Natalis Domini, Paschæ, Nativitatis Sancti
" Johannis Baptistæ, et Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, per
" æquales portiones, ad terminum vitæ dicti Johannis
" Stepnethe, percipiendo; cum una roba panni, coloris
" de secta generosorum nostrorum, annuatim per
" dictum Cellerarium deliberanda; ac cum duabus
" carectatis focalis, ex cariagio dicti Johannis Step-
" neth. In cujus rei *et cætera.* Data *et cætera,*
" ultimo die mensis Decembris, anno decimo-nono
" Regis Edwardi Quarti, et anno Domini millesimo
" quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono."

Litteræ Patentes concessæ Johanni Verney, Armigero, de receptione sex ferarum in Chacia de Horwode.

Grant of venison to John Verney, Esquire, from the Chase of Horwode, he making a certain return for the same.

[1] " Universis et singulis ad quorum notitiam præ-
" sentes litteræ pervenerint, Willelmus, divina misera-
" tione, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani,
" Anglorum [2] Protomartyris, salutem sempiternam in
" Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, quod, cum nos
" et prædecessores nostri, Abbates monasterii supra-
" dicti, a tempore cujus contrarii hominum memoria
" non existit, semper in pacifica possessione fuerimus,

[1] An arrow, pointed downwards, is drawn in ink, against this article.

[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

" ut nos omni anno, de jure monasterii nostri, recipi- A.D. 1479.
" amus, et habeamus, sex feras, quæ 'damæ' dicuntur,
" de Chacia de Horwode, juxta manerium nostrum de
" Wynslow, in Comitatu Bukenhamiæ, per dominos
" dictæ chasiæ, vel eorum forestarios, nobis, vel nostris
" deputatis, seu servientibus, liberandas; videlicet, ad
" Festum Sanctæ Crucis in fine [1]autumni tres damas
" [2]masculos, et in hyeme, ad Festum Purificationis
" Beatæ Mariæ, tres alias damas, [3]femellas :—nos totum
" jus hujusmodi, quantum ad receptionem ferarum
" prædictarum omnium, tenore et auctoritate præsen-
" tium, assignamus, damus, et concedimus, dilecto et
" speciali amico nostro, Johanni Verney, Armigero;
" ita quod ipse Johannes, vice et nomine nostris,
" auctoritate præsentium, plenariam habeat potestatem
" ad suum proprium usum recipiendi, in terminis
" limitatis superius, sex feras, tam masculos quam
" [3]femellas, ex deliberatione dominorum chaciæ supra-
" dictæ, vel forestariorum supradictorum, qui pro tem-
" pore fuerint. Sub tali tamen conditione, videlicet,
" quod ipse, præfatus Johannes, quatuor feras, quæ
" 'damæ' dicuntur, videlicet, duas damas [3]femellas in
" Festo Nativitatis Domini, et duas damas [2]masculos
" in Festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, nobis,
" in dicto nostro monasterio, per se, vel suum suffi-
" cientem deputatum, reddet. Concessimus etiam præ-
" fato Johanni unam robam, de secta generosorum
" nostrorum, sibi annuatim deliberandam. In cujus
" rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus apponi
" fecimus, ad nostrum beneplacitum duraturis. Data
" in Monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano prædicto, tri-
" cesimo die mensis Decembris, anno decimo-nono
" Edwardi Quarti, et anno Domini millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo septuagesimo nono."

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[1] *autumpni* in MS.
[2] Sic in MS., in the masculine.
[3] *famellas* in MS.

Manumissio.

A.D. 1480. Formal manumission of born bondmen, and their issue.

"Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ
" pervenerint, Willelmus, miseratione divina, Abbas
" exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci
" Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Nove-
" ritis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum, unanimi
" assensu et voluntate, manumisisse, et ab omni jugo
" servitutis, villenagii, sive bondagii, liberasse, et libe-
" ros fecisse, Thomam Albey, Ricardum Albey, et Wal-
" terum Albey, de dominio nostro de Nortone, ac dicti
" nostri dominii nativos, cum totis sequelis suis, a data
" præsentium procreandis: ita ut, [1] [ad] quascunque
" mundi partes perrexerint, [2] plena, pura, et perpetua,
" gaudeant libertatibus suis, et vivant ac permaneant
" sine reclamatione nostra, et successorum nostrorum
" quorumcunque. Sic quod nec nos, præfati Abbas et
" Conventus, nec successores nostri, nec aliquis pro
" nobis, aut nomine nostro, aliquid jus vel clameum in
" prædictis Thoma Albey, Ricardo Albey, et Waltero
" Albey, aut in sequelis eorundem, [3] in posterum pro-
" creandis, de cætero exigere, clamare, seu vendicare,
" poterimus in futuro; [4] sed ab omni actione juris et
" clamei in eisdem Thoma Albey, Ricardo Albey, et
" Waltero Albey, et sequelis ipsorum, [3] in posterum
" procreandis, occasione præmissa, simus exclusi [5] in
" perpetuum, per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium,
" præsentibus sigilla nostra apposuimus. Data in Domo
" Capitulari Monasterii prædicti, [6] die mensis
" Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" septuagesimo [7] nono, et Regis Edwardi Quarti anno
" decimo-nono."

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[1] Omitted in MS.

[2] Sic in MS., in the singular; probably intended for "*plene, pure, et perpetuo.*"

[3] *imposterum* in MS.

[4] *set* in MS.

[5] *imperpetuum* in MS.

[6] The day of the month is omitted.

[7] A.D. 1480, according to the present computation.

Wyngrave.

Mensis Martii die nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo [1] nono, præsentatus fuit Domino Lincolniensi Episcopo Magister Lodowicus Neethe, in Legibus Bacularius, instituendus in Vicariam de Wyngrave, in Comitatu Bukenhamiæ; salva annua pensione trium solidorum. A.D. 1480. Presentation to the Vicarage of Wyngrave.

Commissio ad præficiendum Priorissam in Domo Beatæ Mariæ de Pratis.

"Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2] Protomartyris, dilectis nobis in Christo confratribus, Domino Johanni Rothebury, dicti nostri monasterii Archidiacono, et Domino Thomæ Ramrugge, monasterii nostri supradicti Sub-Priori, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum dilecta nobis in Christo Domina Elizabetha Baroune, Priorissa Domus Beatæ Mariæ de Pratis, propter graves ipsius corporis infirmitates, senium, ac [3] incommoda, quæ indies ipsam [4] sequuntur, dictam domum in dignitate prædicta regere et minime gubernare poterit: hinc est, quod ad creandum et præficiendum dilectam nobis in Christo filiam, Dominam Alisiam Wafer, in Priorissam domui supradictæ, auctoritate nostra, vobis vices nostras committimus, per præsentes; ratum et gratum habentes, et habituri, quicquid per nos in præmissis, et præmissa concernentibus, salubriter fuerit ordinatum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus apponi fecimus. Data in Monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano prædicto, quarto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo." Commission for the appointment of a Prioress of the House of St. Mary des Prez.

[1] A.D. 1480, according to the present computation.
[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[3] *incomoda* in MS.
[4] *sequntur* in MS.

Manumissio Thomæ Haale, alias dicti "Mylleward," de Hextone.

A.D. 1480. Manumission of a born bondman.

Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, Dominus Abbas manumisit quemdam Thomam Hale, alias dictum "Mylleward," filium Johannis Haale, de Hexton, nativi dominii de Hexton, cum una [1] acquietantia, causa paupertatis suæ, et intuitu caritatis. Cujus acquietantiæ tenor sequitur, et est talis :—

Acquittance given to him thereon.

"Noverint universi per præsentes, nos, Willelmum, permissione divina, Abbatem exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, recepisse et habuisse, die confectionis præsentium, de Thoma Haale, alias dicto 'Mylleward,' filio Johannis Haale, alias dicti 'Mylwarde,' de Hexton, quadraginta solidos legalis monetæ Angliæ ; de quibus quidem quadraginta solidis fatemur nos fore solutos, dictumque Thomam Haale, alias Mylleward, hæredes, executores, et assignatos suos, acquietamus per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, Sigillum nostrum ad Causas præsentibus apponi fecimus. Data vicesimo die mensis Aprilis, anno regni Regis Edwardi Quarti vicesimo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Littera migrationis pro Canonico recipiendo, et admittendo ad Ordinem Monachatus.

Letter of migration, granted to an Austin Canon of the Priory of Bernewelle.

"Honorando in Christo Patri, Domino Abbati Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, et ejusdem loci Conventui, Willelmus, Prior Prioratus Sancti Egidii de Bernewelle, Ordinis Sancti Augustini, Eliensis [2] Diœcesis, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem, et fraternalem in Domino caritatem. Ex parte Domini Johannis Thorntone, confratris et concanonici

[1] *acquientia* in MS.

[2] *Diocesis* in MS.

" nostræ congregationis, nobis nuper extitit humiliter A.D. 1480.
" supplicatum, ut, ad frugem sanctioris vitæ, de nostra
" licentia, juxta formam et constitutiones Ordinis vestri
" se possit transferre. Nos igitur ipsius laudabile pro-
" positum, ut credimus, divinitus inspiratum, impedire
" nolentes, suis, in hac parte, supplicationibus inclinati,
" eidem Domino Johanni, in dicto Prioratu nostro
" [1] legitime professo, in ordine [2] presbyteratus consti-
" tuto, bonæ famæ et conversationis honestæ existenti,
" de expresso et unanimi nostro consensu, ac Capituli
" nostri, liberam transmigrandi ad domum et religio-
" nem vestram concedimus, tenore præsentium, facul-
" tatem, ipsum a vinculo, quo nobis astringitur, peni-
" tus absolventes; dum tamen quæ in sua continentur
" petitione efficaciter exequatur. In cujus rei testimo-
" nium, sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Data in
" Domo nostra Capitulari, undecimo die mensis Maii,
" anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Collector Domini Papæ.

Visit paid to the Abbot by John Giglis, the Papal Collector in England. A.D. 1478.

Memorandum.—Die Lunæ, tertio-decimo die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octavo, Magister Johannes Giglis, adtunc Collector Domini Papæ in regno Angliæ, venit Domino Abbati, usque Manerium suum apud Tytenhangre, causa recreationis suæ; et permansit ibidem per sex dies, cum sex de servientibus suis, et uno Capellano: qui Magister Johannes Giglys [3] est utriusque Juris Doctor.

Perpetuitas concessa Domino Radulpho Roose, in Prioratu de Pembroke.

Appointment of Ralph

" Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ
" pervenerint, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas

[1] *legittime* in MS.
[2] *presbiteratus* in MS.
[3] Also, as before stated, a Canon of Wells.

A.D. 1479. Roose as Prior of the Cell of St. Nicholas, at Pembroke, for life.

" exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Protomartyris, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis " [2] Dicœcesis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis " quod nos, de fidelitate et circumspectione dilecti filii " et confratris nostri, Domini Radulphi Roose, plenius " confidentes, ipsum, filium et confratrem nostrum, in " Priorem Cellæ nostræ Sancti [3] Nicolai in Monkton, " in Comitatu Pembrochiæ, ad totam vitam naturalem " suam, præficimus, absque revocatione, reclamatione, " vel exoneratione, ipsius Domini Radulphi Roose de " officio Prioratus prædicti quovismodo, per præsentes. " Sub tali tamen conditione, quod præfatus Dominus " Radulphus, Prior, per se, vel suum sufficientem de- " putatum, solvat, vel solvi faciat, infra Monasterium " Sancti Albani, [4] Magistro Novæ Ordinationis, pro tem- " pore existenti, durante termino prædicto, quinqua- " ginta libras, legalis monetæ Angliæ, ad duos anni " terminos, videlicet, ad Festa Omnium Sanctorum et " Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, per æquales " portiones ; primo termino solutionis inde incipiente " in Festo Omnium Sanctorum, proximo futuro post " datam præsentium. Et ulterius, quod idem Prior sit " bonæ conversationis et honestæ famæ, et Prioratum " supradictum bene et sufficienter, durante termino " prædicto, reparaverit et sustinuerit, ac indebitatum " conservaverit. In cujus rei testimonium, has litteras " patentes nostro sigillo fecimus consignari. Data in " Monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano, duodecimo die " mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringen- " tesimo septuagesimo nono."

[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *Nicholai* in MS.
[4] See Amundesham, Vol. I. pp. 279, 281.

Commissio ad visitandum Prioratum de Tynemutha.

" Willelmus, divina miseratione, Abbas Monasterii A.D. 1480.
" Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis Commission for
" [1] Diœcesis, Romanæ Ecclesiæ, nullo medio, pertinen- Visitation
" tis, carissimis nobis in Christo, filiis et confratribus of the
" nostris, Domino Johanni Langton, nuper Priori Prio- Priory of
" ratus nostri de Tynemutha, Domino Willelmo Dix- Tyne-
" welle, Priori Cellæ nostræ de Bynham, et Domino mouth.
" Thomæ Bynham, dicti nostri monasterii commonacho,
" salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ad visitandum
" Prioratum nostrum de Tynemutha prædicta, tam in
" capite quam in membris, ac etiam ad inquirendum
" de statu ipsius Prioratus de Tynemutha, tam in spi-
" ritualibus quam in temporalibus, necnon ad corri-
" gendum et regulariter puniendum subditorum nostro-
" rum excessus, ac etiam ad deponendum, erigendum,
" et absolvendum, citandum, suspendendum, et excom-
" municandum, ipsorum quoscunque, in quocunque statu,
" gradu, seu dignitate, fuerint, si casus requirat, quia
" nos, propter arduas causas, nequimus hujusmodi Visi-
" tationis officio personaliter interesse, vobis, et cuilibet
" vestrum, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras com-
" mittimus, per præsentes, cum cujuslibet [2] coercionis
" canonicæ plenaria potestate. Priori et cæteris con-
" fratribus nostris, omnibus et singulis, in ipso Prio-
" ratu de Tynemutha degentibus, in virtute sanctæ
" obedientiæ, tenore præsentium, firmiter injungentes,
" mandamus, quatinus vobis in omnibus et singulis
" quæ ad hujusmodi Visitationis officium requiruntur,
" ac etiam ad subeundum correctionem excessuum, se-
" cundum [3] discretionem a Deo vobis infusam, quæ per
" hujusmodi Visitationem reperiri contigerit, vobis obe-
" diant et compareant, cum effectu, sicut nobis obedire

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *cohercionis* in MS.
[3] *discrescionem* in MS.

A.D. 1480. " tenerentur, si in Prioratu prædicto Visitationem ean-
" dem per nos personaliter exequeremur. In cujus
" rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus ap-
" poni fecimus. Data in Monasterio nostro de Sancto
" Albano prædicto, vicesimo octavo die Aprilis, anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Creatio et præfixio Domini Willelmi Dyxwelle in Priorem de Tynemutha.

Appointment of William Dyxwelle, Prior of Bynham, as Prior of Tynemouth.

Memorandum, quod octavo die mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, Dominus Abbas præfixit in Priorem de Tynemutha Dominum Willelmum Dyxwelle, nuper Priorem de Bynham, sub litteris suis patentibus, modo et forma prout patet in [1] sexto folio, retrorsum ab isto computando, ad beneplacitum tamen Domini Abbatis duraturis. Et Dominum [2] Nicolaum Boston, immediate Priorem ibidem, Dominus Abbas deposuit; causis variis et multimodis ipsum, et honorem religionis suæ, tangentibus et moventibus, prout reperiebatur in Visitatione præmissa facta. Qui quidem Dominus [3] Nicolaus postmodum totum statum suum, et suum interesse, in dicto Prioratu, in manus præfati Willelmi Dyxwell, Prioris, resignavit. Quæ quidem Resignationis copia sequitur, et est talis.—

Resignatio Domini [4] Nicolai Bostone, nuper Prioris de Tynemutha, de Prioratu prædicto.

Resignation by Nicholas Bostone of the office of Prior of Tynemouth, and

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum in-
" strumentum cunctis appareat evidenter, quod anno ab
" Incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo oc-
" togesimo, Indictione tertia-decima, Pontificatus sanc-
" tissimi in Christo Patris et Domini, Domini Sixti,

[1] See p. 160 *ante*.
[2] *Nicholaum* in MS.
[3] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[4] *Nycholai* in MS.

" divina Providentia, hujus nominis Papæ Quarti, anno A.D. 1480.
" nono, mensis vero Maii die decimo-septimo, in qua- attestation
" dam Capella situata juxta Cameram Prioris de Tyne- thereof by
" mutha, infra Monasterium, sive Prioratum, ibidem, in a Notary Public.
" mei, Roberti Deene, Clerici, Publici, auctoritate Im-
" periali, Notarii, et testium subscriptorum, præsentia,
" constitutus personaliter, Dominus [1] Nicolaus Boston,
" ex datione, præfixione, et vestura, Venerabilis Patris,
" Willelmi, Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, Lincol-
" niensis [2] Diœcesis, intitulatus in Prioratu de Tyne-
" mutha prædicto, cum omnibus suis juribus et perti-
" nentiis quibuscunque, prout tunc temporis, [3] mihi,
" Notario subscripto, et testibus subscriptis, vivæ vocis
" oraculo, dixit, fatebatur, et asseruit, affectans, ex
" pluribus causis se et conscientiam suam moventibus
" et tangentibus, ab eodem Prioratu exui et exonerari,
" non vi [4] coactus, neque dolo ductus, [5] sed animo de-
" liberato, prædictum Prioratum, cum omnibus suis
" juribus et pertinentiis præmissis, in manus Venerabilis
" Patris prædicti, pure, sponte, et absolute, resignavit,
" et ab illius Prioratus juribus et pertinentiis prædic-
" tis omnino recessit. Super quibus omnibus et sin-
" gulis præmissis requisivit me, Notarium prædictum,
" inde conficere publicum instrumentum, vel, si necesse
" fuerit, publica instrumenta. Acta sunt hæc, prout
" supra scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno Domini, In-
" dictione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prædictis,
" præsentibus tunc ibidem, venerabilibus ac circumspec-
" tis viris, Thoma Abbate de [6] Hanwyk, Domino Jo-
" hanne Pikering, Milite, J. Cartyngton, Armigero,
" Roberto Wanslaughe, in Artibus Magistro, testibus
" ad præmissa vocatis, et specialiter rogatis."

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[1] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *michi* in MS.
[4] *choactus* in MS.
[5] *set* in MS.
[6] Or Alnwick, where there was an Abbey of Præmonstratensian Canons.

A.D. 1480. "Et ego, Robertus Deen, Clericus Norwicensis [1]Dioe-
"cesis, Publicus, auctoritate Imperiali, Notarius, dictæ
"resignationis, in forma publica, ut præscribitur, lec-
"turæ, necnon omnibus et singulis aliis, [2]dum sic, ut
"præmittitur, agebantur et fiebant, sub anno Domini,
"Indictione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, supradictis;
"una cum testibus prædictis, præsens personaliter in-
"terfui, eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi;
"aliundeque occupatus per alium scribi feci, et in hanc
"publicam formam redegi, signoque et nomine meis,
"solitis et consuetis, consignavi, in fidem et testimo-
"nium singulorum præmissorum, et debite requisitus."

Annuitas decem librarum concessa ad usum Domini [3]Nicolai Boston, nuper Prioris de Tynemutha, et cætera.

Grant of an annuity by the new Prior of Tynemouth for the benefit of Nicholas Boston, the late Prior.

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens
"scriptum pervenerit, Willelmus Dyxwelle, Prior Prio-
"ratus Cellæ de Tynemutha, in Comitatu Northumbriæ,
"et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem. Sciatis nos, una-
"nimi assensu et consensu nostris, dedisse, et, hoc præ-
"senti scripto nostro, confirmasse, prænobili Domino,
"Henrico Percy, Comiti Northumbriæ, Thomæ, Abbati
"Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ de Alnewyk, Domino Jo-
"hanni Pykryng, Militi, et Johanni Cartingtone, Ar-
"migero, ad usum et sustentationem Domini [4]Nicolai
"Boston, nuper Prioris dicti Prioratus, quamdam an-
"nuam pensionem, sive annualem redditum, decem
"librarum, egalis monetæ Angliæ, annuatim, a Festo
"Pentecostes proximo futuro post datam præsentium,
"durante tota vita naturali dicti Domini [4]Nicolai
"Bostone, persolvendam: videlicet, ad Festa [5]Sancti

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[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *dumsio* in MS.
[3] *Nicholai* in MS.
[4] *Nycholai* in MS.
[5] 11th of November.

" Martini in [1] hyeme et Pentecostes, per æquales por- A.D. 1480.
" tiones. Et si contingat præfatam annuam pensionem,
" sive annualem redditum, decem librarum, a retro fore,
" in parte vel in toto, per unum mensem post aliquem
" terminum terminorum præcedentium quo solvi de-
" beat, non solutam, tunc bene licebit præfato præno-
" bili Domino Henrico, Thomæ, Johanni, et Johanni,
" seu eorum cuilibet, in villa et territorio de Hawkysla,
" infra Comitatum Northumbriæ prædictum, et qualibet
" parcella ejusdem villæ, distringere, et districtiones
" capere, districtionesque per ipsos, seu ipsorum aliquem,
" captas, licite abducere, asportare, imparcare, fugare,
" ac penes ipsos retinere, quousque de [2] pensione, sive
" redditu prædicto, una cum arreragiis et expensis
" inde, si quæ fuerint, eis plenarie fuerit satisfactum
" et persolutum. Et nos, Willelmus Dixwelle, Prior, et
" Conventus, de Tinemutha prædicta, præfatam annuam
" pensionem, sive annualem redditum, decem librarum,
" in forma præscripta, ad usum et sustentationem dicti
" Domini Willelmi concessam, durante vita naturali
" ipsius Domini [3] Nicolai, nuper Prioris, contra omnes
" gentes warantizabimus et defendemus, per præsentes.
" In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum commune
" præsentibus apposuimus. Data decimo-octavo die
" mensis Maii, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Quarti post
" Conquæstum Angliæ, vicesimo, [4] [anno Domini] mille-
" simo quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Confirmatio Domini Abbatis super concessione annuitatis decem librarum prædictarum.

" Et nos, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas ex- Confirmation of the said grant, by the Abbot of St. Alban's.
" empti Monasterii Sancti Albani, quem [5] velut caput et
" Abbatem prædicta Ecclesia de Tynemutha respicere

[1] *yeme* in MS.
[2] *pancione* in MS.
[3] *Nicholai* in MS.
[4] Omitted in MS.
[5] *velud capud* in MS.

A.D. 1480. " noscitur, omnia suprascripta modis et forma quibus
" concessa sunt, ad instantiam prænobilis Domini Hen-
" rici, illustris Principis, Comitis Northumbriæ, confir-
" mamus, ratificamus, et approbamus, per præsentes.
" In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum apposui-
" mus, vicesimo quarto die mensis Julii, anno Domini
" millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Lettris patentis grauntid to the Prior of Tynemouthe by therle of Northumberland of x. *li. ayere.*

Grant by Henry, earl of Northumberland, of an annuity of 10*l.* to William Dixwelle, Prior of Tynemouth. [In English.]

" *Henry, Erle of Northumberland, Lord of thonours*
" *of Cokyrmouthe and Petworthe, Warden of Theest and*
" *Myddilmarchis of England ayenst Scotlond, and*
" *Justice of all the Kyngis Forestis from Trent North,*
" *to alle men to whom this present writing be shewid,*
" *greting. Know ye that I, the said Erle, for the ten-*
" *dyr loue and fauour, with faithfull loue and confi-*
" *dence that I haue towardis my hertily beloued frend,*
" *William, Priour of the House of Tynemouth, now*
" *incombent, haue ordeyned, depute, and assigned hym*
" *to be of my Councelle; for the which I by these pre-*
" *sentis yeue and graunte vnto the said Prior an an-*
" *nuyte of* x. *li. by yer, yerly during my plesure to be*
" *taken and perceyued of thissues, reuenews, and prouf-*
" *fites, comyng and growing oute of my Lordship of*
" *Newborne, within the Counte of Northumberland, by*
" *the handis of the bailif, greves, fermours, and occu-*
" *piers of the same, for the tyme beeng, yerly at too*
" *termys ther usid and accostomyd by even porcions.*
" *In witnessing wherof, to thes my lettres patentis, I*
" *haue do set my seale. Youen in my castelle of Aylene-*
" *wyk, the ix. day of June, in the* [1] *xx. yer of the regne*
" *of King Edward the iiiithe."*

[1] A.D. 1480.

Commissio ad visitandum omnia Monasteria et alia loca religiosa infra [1] *Diœcesim Lincolniensem, auctoritate Generalis Capituli.*

A.D. 1480. Commission given by the Abbot, on being appointed Visitor, to make Visitation of the Benedictine Monasteries within the Diocese of Lincoln.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii [2] Sancti Albani, Anglorum [3] Protomartyris, " Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [4] Diœcesis, " dilectis nobis in Christo, Domino Willelmo Hardewik, " Sacræ Theologiæ Baculario, et Johanni Maynard, " nostris confratribus et commonachis, salutem in om- " nium Salvatore. Quia in ultimo Capitulo nostro, " apud Northamptonam celebrato, eramus deputati om- " nium et singulorum Monasteriorum ac aliorum loco- " rum religiosorum, nostri Ordinis, Lincolniensis [4] Diœ- " cesis, Visitator;—cum nos, propter arduas causas, " dictam Visitationem in propria persona nostra adim- " plere non possumus, hinc est quod nos, de vestris " [5] discretione, circumspectione, et industria, plenius " confidentes, ad visitandum Monasteria de Ramesey, " Petyrbourghe, Croyland, et Ensham et Berdeneye, " ac Prioratum de Daventre, ejusdem Lincolniensis " [4] Diœcesis, personas, res, et bona, tam Monasteriorum " supradictorum, quam dicti Prioratus, juxta assigna- " tionem et præmunitionem nostras prædictas, et juris " exigentiam, ac ejusdem Ordinis Statuta in hac parte " edita, vobis vices nostras, conjunctim et divisim, com- " mittimus, cum cujuslibet [6] coercionis canonicæ potes- " tate. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum " præsentibus fecimus apponi. Data in Monasterio " nostro de Sancto Albano prædicto, vicesimo die men- " sis Maii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo " octogesimo."

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[1] *Diocesim* in MS.
[2] These two words are repeated in MS.
[3] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[4] *Diocesis* in MS.
[5] *discrescione* in MS.
[6] *cohercionis* in MS.

Commissio.

A.D. 1480. The names of the Houses to be visited.

Monasteria infra Lincolniensem [1] Diœcesim visitanda, ordinatim, prout sequuntur :—

Monasterium de Ramesey ; Monasterium de Petyrbourghe ; Monasterium de Croyland ; Monasterium de Berdeney ; Prioratus de Daventre ; Monasterium de Ensham ; Prioratus de [2] Luffelde ; Prioratus de Snetysale ; Prioratus de Bradwey.

Progressus Visitatorum Sancti Albani.

Progress of the Visitors, on their several Visitations.

Visitatio Prima :—

Rammesey -
- A Sancto Albano usque Stevenache sunt } xiiii. miliaria.
- A Stevenache usque Byklyswade sunt } xiiii. miliaria.
- A Byklyswade [3] Seynedes viii. miliaria.
- A Seynedis usque Huntyngdone } v. miliaria.
- A Huntyngdone usque Ramesey } vii. miliaria.

Visitatio Secunda :—

Petyrbourgh
- A Ramesey usque [4] Steletone x. miliaria.
- A Steletone usque Petyrbourghe } iiii. miliaria.

Visitatio Tertia :—

Croyland -
- A Petyrbourghe usque Croylande, iiii. miliaria per terram, et iiii. per aquam

Visitatio Quarta :—

Berdeney -
- A Croylande usque Spaldyng } viii. miliaria.
- A Spaldyng usque Booston xii. miliaria.
- A Bostone usque Tatyrsale ix. miliaria.
- A Tatyrsale usque Berdeney ix. miliaria.

[1] *Diocesim* in MS.
[2] Near Buckingham.
[3] St. Neots, in Huntingdonshire.
[4] Stilton, in Huntingdonshire.

[1] Domorsum, et Visitatio Quinta:— A.D. 1480.

Daventre -
- A Berdeney usque Lincolne vii. miliaria.
- A Lyncolne usque Nawndeby vii. *myle.*
- A Nawndby usque Grantham xii. *myle.*
- A Grantham usque Melton Mowbray } x. *myle.*
- A Melton Mowbray usque Leycestre } x. *myle.*
- A Leycestre usque Luttyrworth } x. *myle.*
- A Lyttyrworth usque Daventri } x. *myle.*

Visitatio Sexta:—

Ensam - -
- A Daventre usque Brakley xiiii. *myle.*
- A Brakley usque Myddyltone vii. *myle.*
- A Myddyltone usque Ensam x. *myle.*
- A Ensam Oxoniæ vii. *myle.*
- A Oxonia usque Tame x. *myle.*
- A Tame usque Aylesbury v. *myle.*
- A Aylesbury usque Berkhamsted } viii. *myle.*
- A Berkhamsted usque Sanctum Albanum } viii. *myle.*

Visitation of certain Priories of the Order.

Prioratus [2] de Luffeld, Prioratus de Snetyshale, et Prioratus de Bradway, visitabantur per Dominos Johannem Rothebury, adtunc Archidiaconum et Sacristam Monasterii Sancti Albani, et Thomam Sudbury, dicti monasterii tunc Cellerarium, tempore quo dictus Cellerarius tenebat Curiam apud Wynslowe; et habuerunt Commissionem ad visitandum Prioratus supradictos, secundum tenorem proximæ Commissionis præcedentis, mutatis mutandis.

[1] Sic in MS.; "Returning homeward."

[2] A line has been run through these two words by a more recent pen.

Nomina Rectoriarum et Vicariarum in Southwallia, de Patronatu Domini Abbatis.

A.D. 1480. Names of the Rectories and Vicarages in South Wales, in the patronage of the Abbot.

Rectoria de Tyneby; Rectoria de Angulo; Rectoria de Porterawhan; Rectoria de Cranwer; Vicaria de Monktone; Vicaria de Castro Martini; Vicaria Sancti Michaelis, Pembrochiæ.

Perpetuitas concessa Priorissæ de Pratis, in officio prædicto.

Grant of her office, for life, to the Prioress of St. Mary des Prez.

"Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ "pervenerint, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas ex- "empti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Proto- "martyris, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis "[2] Diœcesis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum "constet dilectam nobis in Christo filiam, Alisiam "Wafer, fuisse, et esse, canonice electam in Priorissam "Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Pratis, juxta Sanctum "Albanum, ut prædicta Priorissa devotius, ardentius, "et, sine mentis fluctuatione, securius, in officio illo, "seu potius onere, sibi commisso, ministret, nos, ejus- "dem ecclesiæ Principalis, sub Apostolica Sede, Ordi- "narius, locique Patronus, ad honorem Christi, e "Matris Ejus, ex mero motu nostro, ipsam Alisiam, "filiam nostram, confirmamus, et pro tempore quo "vitam in humanis hic [3] duxerit, perpetuamus; sub "tali tamen conditione, quod ipsa Priorissa sit bonæ "conversationis et honestæ famæ, ac ecclesiam præ- "dictam, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, bene et suffi- "cienter, secundum posse suum, durante vita sua, "reparet, sustineat, et manuteneat, indebitamtaque con- "servet; ac penes sorores suas modeste et religiose se "gerat. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum

[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *duxit* in MS.

" præsentibus apponi mandavimus. Data in Monas- A.D. 1480.
" terio de Sancto Albano prædicto, decimo die mensis
" Julii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octo-
" gesimo."

Nominatio Vicariæ de Luton, concessa Philippo Bittyrley.

" Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ Grant to Philip Bettyrley of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Luton, in favour of John Hunden, late Bishop of Landaff.
" nostræ pervenerint, Willelmus, permissione divina,
" Abbas Monasterii de Sancto Albano, Anglorum
" [1] Protomartyre, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, Ordinis
" Sancti Benedicti, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.
" Sciatis me, præfatum Abbatem, ex [3] mera voluntate
" et assensu meis, dedisse, et per præsentes concessisse,
" dilecto [4] mihi in Christo, Philippo Bettyrley, *Jan-*
" *tylman*, et assignatis suis, potestatem nostram ad
" nominandum Venerabilem in Christo Patrem, Magis-
" trum Johannem Hunden, Sacræ Theologiæ Doctorem,
" Episcopum in Universa Ecclesia, et nuper Landaven-
" sem, ad Vicariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de
" Luton, in Comitatu Bedford, dictæ Lincolniensis
" [2] Diœcesis, et ad meam præsentationem pleno jure
" spectantem, cum jam primo et proximo, post datam
" præsentium, per resignationem, cessionem, permu-
" tationem, dimissionem, seu quocunque alio modo,
" eandem vicariam, pro dicta prima et proxima vice
" tantum, vacare contigerit; ita quod bene licebit præ-
" fato Philippo Bittirley, et assignatis suis, auctoritate
" prædictæ concessionis meæ, ad vicariam prædictam
" præfatum Venerabilem Patrem, Magistrum Johannem
" Hunden, Episcopum, cum jam primo et proximo
" vacare contigerit, [4] mihi, Abbati prædicto, vel suc-
" cessoribus meis, Abbatibus, nominare. Et quod nos
" teneamur, et successores nostri teneantur, dictum

[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *mea* in MS.
[4] *michi* in MS.

A.D. 1480. " Venerabilem Patrem, sic nominatum, et nullum alium, " ad dictam vicariam admittere, ac ipsum Episcopo " Lincolniensi præsentare. Ita quod, postquam dictus " Philippus, una vice tantum, ut prædicitur, præno- " minatum Venerabilem Patrem, Johannem Hunden, " Episcopum nominaverit, sive nominaverint, et ipse sic " nominatus ad eandem, et præsentatus, fuerit, et " admissus, extunc præsentatio, donatio, nominatio, et " quævis alia dispositio, dictæ vicariæ, ad me " et successores meos, præfati monasterii Abbates, " revertantur. In cujus rei testimonium, *et cætera.* " Data in manerio meo apud Tittenhangre, vicesimo " octavo die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo " quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Myddelton Harnes.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Myddelton Harenes.

Mensis Julii die vicesimo primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Ricardum Bageley, Capellanum, admittendum et instituendum in Vicariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Myddelton Harenes, per liberam resignationem Domini Henrici Conquest, ultimi vicarii ibidem.

Wallyngton.

Grant of the next presentation to the Church of Walyngton.

Mensis Julii die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, nominatio de Wallington concessa fuit Radulpho Penne, Armigero, et Henrico Taylard, Armigero, cum jam primo et proximo vacare contigerit, post datam præsentium; modo et forma, mutatis mutandis, prout reperiri poterit in [1] undecimo folio retrorsum, ab isto computando; pro promotione Magistri Johannis Rokley ad eandem.

[1] See p. 166 *ante.*

Litteræ patentes concessa Gervasio Buklonde.

Grant of a yearly pension to Gervase Buclond, with a robe, and a chamber and fuel, he serving as a gentleman of the household.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc præsens
" scriptum indentatum pervenerit, Willelmus, permis-
" sione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Al-
" bani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino
" sempiternam. Sciatis nos, præfatos Abbatem et
" Conventum, totius Capituli nostri consensu et volun-
" tate, dedisse et per præsentes concessisse, dilecto ser-
" vienti nostro, Gervasio Buclond, *Jantilman*, pro suo
" servitio nobis impenso, et [1] in posterum nobis, et
" successoribus nostris, [2] impendendo, quemdam annu-
" alem redditum, sive annuam pensionem, trium libra-
" rum legalis monetæ Angliæ, percipiendam de nobis
" et successoribus nostris, per manus Bursarii dicti
" monasterii, pro tempore existentis, durante vita
" ipsius Gervasii, per æquales portiones, ad quatuor
" anni terminos, sibi annuatim persolvendam; vide-
" licet, ad Festa Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, Sancti
" Michaelis Archangeli, Natalis Domini, et Annuncia-
" tionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, primo termino solu-
" tionis inde incipiente in Festo Nativitatis Sancti
" Johannis Baptistæ, proximo futuro post datam præ-
" sentium. Concessimus ulterius præfato Gervasio
" unam robam de secta generosorum nostrorum, et
" nostrorum successorum, vel decem solidos, nomine
" ipsius robæ, per manus dicti Bursarii, durante ter-
" mino prædicto, deliberandam, sive persolvendos; ac
" mensam cotidianam ad mensam generosorum nos-
" trorum, et nostrorum successorum, durante termino
" prædicto. Concessimus etiam præfato Gervasio, du-
" rante vita sua, illam cameram in [3] curia Abbatiæ,
" situatam infra portam quæ ducit usque [4] Le Heybern,
" in qua nuper Johannes Fawconer pernoctaverat, et

[1] *imposterum* in MS.
[2] This word is preceded by " *nobis* " again, in MS.
[3] *curiam* in MS.
[4] The Hay-barn.

" postmodum vitularii dicti monasterii equos suos
" custodire consueverunt, cum duabus carectatis focalis
" annuatim sibi ibidem, ex nostris cariagio, factura, et
" prosternatione, deliberandis; durante termino præ-
" dicto. Pro quibus quidem annua pensione trium
" librarum, toga, mensa cotidiana, camera, et [1] focali,
" in forma prædicta per nos eidem Gervasio concessis,
" præfatus Gervasius nobis, et successoribus nostris, in
" domicilio nostro, [2] decentiori et honestiori modo quo
" sciverit, ut decet generoso domicilii deservire, servitia
" sua faciet; paratusque erit, cum debite requisitus
" fuerit per nos, aut successores nostros, omni tempore
" congruo equitare et meare, prout opus exigerit, super
" negotia nostra, et successorum nostrorum, ex nostris
" tamen sumptibus et expensis. Prædictusque Gerva-
" sius nobis, et successoribus nostris, bonus erit, dili-
" gens, et fidelis, [3] nihil sciens quod ad nostrum detri-
" mentum foret, aut gravamen, quin illud pro posse
" suo impediet, aut statim nos inde præmuniet. Secre-
" taque et [4] consilia nostra, si quæ sciverit, nemini re-
" velabit, sine præcepto et assensu nostris, quovismodo.
" Et nos, præfati Abbas et Conventus, omnes conces-
" siones, in forma præscripta, præfato Gervasio concessas,
" pro nobis et successoribus nostris, durante vita sua,
" warantizabimus per præsentes."

Wyngrave.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Wingrave. A.D. 1480.

Mensis Augusti die tertia, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Thomæ, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Magistrum Hugonem Lyvesey, in Decretis Bacularium, admittendum et instituendum in Vicariam de Wyngrave, per liberam resignationem Magistri Lowodici Neethe, im-

[1] *focale* in MS.
[2] *decensiori* in MS.
[3] *nichil* in MS.
[4] *concilia* in MS.

mediate vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione trium solidorum. A.D. 1480.

Rikmerswerthe.

Gift of the nomination to the Vicarage of Rykmersworthe. A.D. 1481.

Mensis Januarii die sexto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo [1] octogesimo, Dominus Abbas concessit nominationem Vicariæ de Rykmersworthe Georgio Danyelle, Armigero, et Johanni Asshby, ad promovendum Dominum Thomam Cottone, Capellanum, ad eandem, et nullam aliam personam; salva annua pensione decem marcarum.

Littera missa Episcopo Norwicensi, pro admissione Prioris de Bynham.

Presentation to the Bishop of Norwich of Richard Whitingtone, the Prior of Bynham. A.D. 1480.

" Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino " [2] Jacobo, divina miseratione, Norwicensi Episcopo, " vester humilis et devotus, Willelmus, Abbas exempti " Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, omnimodas reverentias et " honores. Dilectum nobis in Christo confratrem et " commonachum, Dompnum Ricardum Whitingtone, " præsentium latorem, quem in Cella nostra de Byn- " ham, vestræ [3] Diœcesis, providimus in Priorem, vestræ " Paternitati Reverendæ præsentamus, administrationem " spiritualium, videlicet, parochialium ecclesiarum et " decimarum, a vobis suscepturum, et pro hiis rebus " canonicam obedientiam præstiturum, humiliter roga- " mus, quatinus eundem Dominum Ricardum, juxta " formam compositionis inter vos et nos factæ, admit- " tere, ipsumque in suis negotiis habere dignemini " recommendatum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum " nostrum apposuimus præsentibus. Data in Monasterio " de Sancto Albano, vicesimo quarto die mensis Maii, " anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo."

[1] A.D. 1481, according to the present mode of computation.

[2] James Goldwell.

[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

Littera missa Episcopo Dunelmensi, pro admissione Prioris de Tynemutha.

A.D. 1480. A Letter sent to the Bishop of Durham, requesting him to admit William Dyxwell, as Prior of Tynemouth.

Mensis Junii die vicesimo nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, littera missa fuit Domino [1] Willelmo, Dunelmensi Episcopo, ad admittendum Dominum Willelmum Dyxwell, Priorem de Tynemutha, modo et forma ut supra scribitur, mutatis mutandis, in Prioratum ibidem, *et cætera.*

Litteræ Patentes missæ ab Abbate Sancti Petri Westmonasterii, ad visitandum Monasterium Sancti Albani.

Formal notice by the Abbot of Westminster, of his intended Visitation of the Abbey of St. Alban's.

" [2] Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii " Beati Petri, Westmonasterii, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, " nullo medio, pertinentis, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " per Reverendos Patres, ultimi Capituli Generalis " ipsius Ordinis, Northamptoniæ celebrati, Dominos " Præsidentes, ad visitandum præclarum monasterium " Sancti Albani, Curiæ Romanæ immediate subjectum, " [3] [deputatus,] salutem in Auctore salutis. Quia nos, " ultimo die Junii proximo futuro, cum continuatione " et dierum prorogatione, si opus exegerit, memoratum " monasterium vestrum, in ejusdem Capitulari Domo, " hora Capituli consueta, auctoritate prædicta, juxta " canonicas sanctiones, observantiasque regulares, actua- " liter et debite, Deo favente, intendimus visitare; vos " igitur, Dominum Abbatem præfatum, ea qua decet " reverentia, præsentium tenore, peremptorie citamus, " ac per vos, omnes et singulos vestræ obedientiæ filios, " commonachos et confratres, simili modo citari volu- " mus. Mandamus insuper, quod compareatis, et com- " pareant, personaliter coram nobis, aut nostro, vel nos- " tris, si nos pro tunc impediri contigerit, Commissario,

[1] William Dudley.
[2] John Esteney.
[3] This, or a similar word, is omitted.

" in hac parte, vel Commissariis, die, loco, et hora, præ- A.D. 1480.
" libatis, onus hujusmodi Visitationis subituri, humiliter
" [1] facturi et recepturi in præmissis, et ea concernenti-
" bus, quod canonicis congruit institutis, et prædicti
" negotii qualitas exigit, et natura. De præsentium
" receptionis vero die, ac quid feceritis, vel faciendum
" duxeritis, in præmissis, nos, aut nostrum Commissa-
" rium, vel Commissarios, die, loco, et hora suprascrip-
" tis, per vestras litteras patentes, harum seriem conti-
" nentes, nominibus, cognominibusque citandorum, ut
" præmittitur, in cedula vestris litteris annexa, plenius
" specificatis, debite curateque certificetis, vestro sub
" sigillo signatas. In præmissorum testimonium, sigil-
" lum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Data in
" Monasterio nostro prædicto, secundo die mensis Julii,
" anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Certificatorium super Litteris prædictis.

" Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino Formal answer of the Abbot of St. Alban's, in obedience thereto.
" Johanni, permissione divina, Abbati Monasterii Sancti
" Petri, Westmonasterii, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo
" medio, pertinentis, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, ejusve
" Commissario seu Commissariis quibuscunque, Monas-
" terii Sancti Albani, ejusdem Ordinis, in ultimo
" Capitulo Provinciali dicti Ordinis, apud Northamto-
" nam celebrato, a Præsidentibus ejusdem Capituli
" Visitatori deputato, Willelmus, permissione eadem,
" Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis
" Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, Sacrosanctæ
" Romanæ Ecclesiæ immediate subjecti, obedientiam,
" reverentiam, et honorem, debitum tanto patri, cum
" omni [3] promptitudine complacendi. Litteras vestras

[1] *facturos et recepturos* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *promtitudine* in MS.

A.D. 1480. " mandatorias, quarto die mensis Junii anni jam in-
" stantis, in hiis recepimus, quæ hic sequuntur, verbis :
" —'Johannes, permissione divina,' [*et cætera, ut* [1] *præ-*
" *ante*]. Cujus auctoritate mandati, omnes et singulos
" commonachos nostros et confratres, qui solent, seu
" debent, ex hujusmodi causa convocari, præmuniri
" fecimus, et citari, quatinus dictis die et loco, cum
" continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium, in
" Domo nostra Capitulari compareant ; ac nos, favente
" Altissimo, dictis die et loco [2] personaliter comparebi-
" mus, Visitationem vestram hujusmodi humiliter subi-
" turi ; ulteriusque facturi et recepturi, quod, secundum
" negotii qualitatem, juri fuerit congruum, et rationi
" consonum. Nomina vero, et cognomina, per nos in
" hac parte citatorum, in scedula, præsentibus annexa,
" in serie continentur ; et sic mandatum vestrum sumus
" in omnibus obedienter executi. Data sub sigillo
" nostro, in dicto nostro Monasterio de Sancto Albano,
" septimo die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo
" [3] quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Omnes Monachi subscripti fuerunt in Monasterio Sancti Albani tempore Visitationis ibidem per præfatum Abbatem Westmonasterii, propria persona factæ sua, mense, die, et loco prescriptis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, et anno regni Regis Edwardi, Quarti post Conquæstum suum, vicesimo.

Names of the inmates of the Abbey of St. Alban's, at the time of its

DOMINUS WILLELMUS WALYNGFORD, ABBAS.

Dompnus Thomas Nelond, Prior et Coquinarius.

Magister Johannes Peytone, Sacrorum Canonum Doctor, gistarius.

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[1] Sic in MS.

[2] *parsonaliter* in MS.

[3] *trecentesimo* (in numerals) in MS.

A.D. 1480. Visitation by the Abbot of Westminster.

Dominus Ricardus Waltam, gistarius.
Dominus Johannes Eyton, Custos Feretri.
Dominus Thomas Blaknale, gistarius.
Dominus Thomas Albon, Prior Redborne.
Dominus Thomas Wyltone, Bursarius.
Dominus Thomas Walingford, [1] Eleemosynarius.
Dominus Willelmus Goodrede, gistarius.
Dominus Willelmus Shrewysbury.
Dominus Willelmus Hardewyk, Bacularius Theologiæ, et Cancellarius Abbatis.
Dominus Willelmus Lychefeld, Magister Novæ Ordinationis.
Dominus Thomas Roose, Custos Monialium.
Dominus Richardus Whitington, Tertius Prior.
Dominus Galfridus Wyntyr.
Dominus Rogerus Torpurley, Sub-Infirmarius.
Dominus Willelmus Howden, Primus Scrutator.
Dominus Johannes Rothebury, Archidiaconus et Sacrista.
Dominus [2] Nicolaus Kyrkeby, Præcentor et Magister Capellæ.
Dominus Johannes Barnet, Capellanus Abbatis.
Dominus Henricus Martyn, Camerarius.
Dominus Georgius Colt, [3] Sub-Eleemosynarius et Sub-Cantor.
Dominus Thomas Ramrugg, Sub-Prior.
Dominus Willelmus Whelpley, Ostilarius.
Dominus Johannes Slethe, Tertius Scrutator.
Dominus Willelmus Malehurst.
Dominus Johannes Bensted, Capellanus Abbatis.
Dominus Johannes Hanrede, Secundus Scrutator.
Dominus Johannes Strenger, Sub-Sacrista.
Dominus Willelmus Andrew.
Dominus Thomas Bayly.

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[1] *Elemosinarius* in MS.
[2] *Nycholaus* in MS.
[3] *Sub-Elemosinarius* in MS.

A.D. 1480.

Dominus Thomas Sudbury, Cellerarius.
Dominus Adam Gelebrond.
Dominus Robertus Netlam, Capellanus Prioris.
Dominus Willelmus Baron, Magister [1] Novitiorum.
Dominus Johannes Thorntone.
Dominus Johannes Kyllyngworthe.
Dominus Willelmus Runeham.
Dominus Ricardus Felde.
Dominus Willelmus Lything.
Dominus Willelmus Martyn.
Dominus Johannes Smyth.
Dominus Johannes Rotlond.
Dominus Thomas Holgrave.
Dominus Ricardus Beavyr.
Dominus Johannes Wodeley.
Dominus Johannes Martyne.
Dominus Johannes Erly.
Dominus Willelmus Holme
Dominus Thomas Petwyn
Dominus Johannes Auncelle } Novitii.
Dominus Johannes Lything
Dominus Thomas Williams
Dompnus Richardus Runham
Dominus Johannes Maynard } [2] Scholares.
Dominus Thomas Loryng
Numerus Monachorum, quinquaginta et septem.

Citatio pro Domino [3] *Nicolao Bostone, nuper Priore de Tynemutha.*

Citation of Nicholas Bostone, by the Abbot, to appear

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [4] Protomartyris,
" [3] Nicolao Boston, commonacho nostro, et utinam obe-
" dientiæ filio. Mandamus tibi, in virtute sanctæ

[1] *Novisciorum* in MS.
[2] *Scolares* in MS.
[3] *Nicholao* in MS.
[4] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

" obedientiæ, et sub pœna contemptus, quatinus, post A.D. 1480.
" receptionem præsentium infra septem dies immediate before the Prior of
" sequentes, comparere in propria persona tua coram Tyne-
" dilecto nobis in Christo, Willelmo, Priore Prioratus mouth.
" nostri de Tynemutha prædicta, ad respondendum ad
" ea quæ tibi adtunc objicientur. Data in Monasterio
" nostro de Sancto Albano prædicto, sexto-decimo die
" Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" octogesimo."

Commissio facta Priori de Tynemutha, pro præfato [1]Nicolao Bostone capiendo, et examinando.

"Willelmus, divina miseratione, Abbas exempti Mo- Commis-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2]Protomartyris, sion from the Abbot
" Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [3]Diœcesis, to the Prior
" dilecto nobis in Christo filio, Willelmo, Priori Prio- of Tyne-
" ratus nostri de Tynemutha, salutem. Cum delin- mouth, to take, and examine,
" quentium fratrum excessus detestabiles, qui, a supe- Nicholas
" riorum suorum scientia secretius occultantes, et reli- Boston, accused of
" gioni scandala pariunt, et reis facinorum majorem certain excesses.
" [4]audaciam exhibent delinquendi, [5]tolerare [6]nequeamus
" incorrecta, deque commonachi nostri, [7]Nicolai Boston,
" insolentia rumor inhonestus nostras pulsaverit aures,
" ut rei gestæ veritas nobis lucidius patefiat, cum ad
" vos personaliter [6]nequeamus accedere, vobis, Priori, ad
" capiendum, inquirendum, et examinandum, præfatum
" [8]Nicolaum, ipsumque Nicolaum, quoadusque aliud a
" nobis habueritis in mandatis, salvo per vos custodi-
" endum, ac super repertis in hujusmodi nos certifi-
" candum, vices nostras committimus, per præsentes,

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[1] *Nicholao* in MS.
[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] This word is almost illegible through damp.
[5] *tollerare* in MS.
[6] *nequiamus* in MS.
[7] *Nycholai* in MS.
[8] *Nicholaum* . . . . *Nycholaum* in MS.

A.D. 1480. " nobis tamen ulteriori correctione in præmissis, pro
" loco et tempore, penitus reservata. Data quinto die
" mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo octogesimo."

Certificatorium missum Episcopo Dunelmensi, pro captione prænominati [1] *Nicolai Boston.*

Request made by the Abbot to the Bishop of Durham, that he will aid in the capture of Nicholas Boston.

" Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Willelmo, divina miseratione, Dunelmensi Episcopo,
" vester humilis et devotus, Willelmus, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2] Protomartyris,
" omnimodas reverentias tanto patri debitas, cum
" honore. Vestræ Reverendæ Paternitati, tenore præ-
" sentium, intimamus, quod Frater [3] Nicolaus Boston,
" noster commonachus, ut alter filius perditionis, more
" apostatæ circuit, et de loco in locum, de villa in
" villam, et de [5] mercato in mercatum, potius [4] vaga-
" bundo similis, et apostatæ, quam monacho regulari,
" perque circuitum suum maximum generans tam Or-
" dini scandalum, quam religioni. Cum igitur tantam
" audaciam reprimere [6] nequeamus, auxilium vestræ
" Paternitatis duximus invocandum, attentius suppli-
" cantes, quatinus vestris ministris, omnibus et singulis,
" conjunctim et divisim, pro captione dicti [1] Nicolai
" scribere dignetur dicta vestra reverenda Paternitas,
" ut captus regulari subjaciat disciplinæ, et tanti morbi
" suscipiat medicinam. In prosperitate votiva vestram
" Reverendam Paternitatem conservet Altissimus, per
" tempora feliciter successiva. Data in Monasterio meo
" de Sancto Albano prædicto, sexto-decimo die mensis
" Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" octogesimo."

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[1] *Nicholai* in MS.
[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[3] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[4] *vacabundo* in MS.
[5] *marcato . . . marcatum* in MS.
[6] *nequiamus* in MS.

Manumissio.

A.D. 1480. Manumission of a born bondman, and his issue.

Mensis Septembris die vicesimo secundo, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, Dominus Abbas manumisit, et ab omni jugo servitutis, villenagii, et bondagii, liberavit, Thomam Hale, alias dictum "Mylward," filium Johannis Hale, alias dicti "Myl-"ward," nativum dominii sui de Hexton, cum tota sequela sua, procreata et procreanda, sub litteris suis patentibus, cum sigillis Abbatis et Conventus sigillatis, modo et forma, prout reperiri poterit in præcedentibus.

Horwode Parva.

Gift of the Vicarage of Horwode Parva.

Mensis Septembris die penultimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, data fuit Vicaria de Horwode Parva Domino Johanni Walton, Capellano, per mortem Domini Thomæ Borstalle, ultimi vicarii ibidem.

Perpetuitas concessa Domino Antonio Souche, in Prioratu de Walingford.

Presentation of Antony Souche to the Priory of Walingford, for life.

"Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ "pervenerint, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas "exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Pro-"tomartyris, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis "[2] Diœcesis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis "quod nos, de fidelitate et circumspectione dilecti filii "et confratris nostri, Domini Antonii Sonche, confiden-"tes, ipsum, filium et confratrem nostrum, in Priorem "Cellæ nostræ Sanctæ Trinitatis de Walyngford, in "Comitatu Berkesciræ, ad totam vitam naturalem suam, "præfecimus, absque revocatione, reclamatione, vel ex-"oneratione, ipsius Domini Antonii de officio Prioratus "prædicti quovismodo, per præsentes. Ita tamen, quod

[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS. | [2] *Diocesis* in MS.

" idem Dominus Antonius, Prior, sit bonæ conversa-
" tionis et honestæ famæ, et Prioratum [1] Sanctæ Tri-
" nitatis de Walingford supradictum, secundum posse
" suum, reparaverit, sustinuerit, ac indebitatum conser-
" vaverit. In cujus rei testimonium, has nostras lit-
" teras patentes nostro sigillo fecimus consignari. Data
" *et cætera.*

Præsentatio Prioris de Walingford, missa Domino Abbati, pro Shepehale.

Presentation by the Prior and Convent of Walingforde to the Vicarage of Shepehale. A.D. 1480.

" Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Willelmo, Dei gratia, Abbati exempti Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, vestri humiles
" et devoti, Dominus Antonius, Prior Prioratus Ecclesiæ
" Sanctæ Trinitatis, in Walingforde, et ejusdem loci
" Conventus, vestri Monasterii obedientiarii, omnimodas
" reverentias, tanto patri debitas, cum honore. Ad
" Vicariam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Shepehale, vestræ
" jurisdictionis exemptæ, per resignationem Domini
" Thomæ Hemmyngforth, ultimi Vicarii ibidem, vacan-
" tem, et ad nostram præsentationem pleno jure spec-
" tantem, dilectum nobis in Christo, Dominum Johannem
" Alansone, Capellanum, reverendæ Paternitati vestræ
" præsentamus, humiliter supplicantes, et devote, qua-
" tinus prædictum Johannem ad dictam vicariam, cari-
" tatis intuitu, admittere, et ipsum canonice instituere
" in eadem, cæteraque peragere et expedire, dignemini,
" quæ vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio pastorali.
" Salva nobis, præfatis [3] [Priori] et Conventui omnino,
" et successoribus nostris, annua pensione tresdecim
" solidorum et quatuor denariorum, apud Sanctum Al-
" banum annuatim, in [4] die Passionis Sancti Albani,
" persolvenda. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum do-
" mus nostræ prædictæ præsentibus est appensum.

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[1] *Santæ* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] Omitted in MS.
[4] 22nd June.

" Data in Domo nostra Capitulari, vicesimo die mensis A.D. 1480.
" Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" octogesimo."

Shepehale.

Institution of John Alansone in the Vicarage of Shepehale.

Mensis Octobris die vicesimo octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, Dominus Abbas instituit in Vicariam de Shepehale Dominum Johannem Alansone, Capellanum, virtute præsentationis supradictæ, vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Hemmyngforde, modo et forma, prout reperiri poterit in præcedentibus, in casibus consimilibus; salva annua pensione tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum, Prioratui de Walingforde, in Festo Passionis Sancti Albani, persolvendorum, *et cætera.*

Rykmersworthe.

Gift of the Vicarage of Rykmersworthe.

Mensis Novembris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, data fuit Vicaria de Rykmersworthe Fratri Thomæ Hemmyngforth, Ordinis Fratrum Heremitarum Sancti Augustini; quem, per Bullam Sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini, Domini [1] nostri, Pii, Papæ, Secundi, novimus beneficii curati fore capacem; vacans per mortem Venerabilis viri, Magistri Johannis Wyntone, immediate vicarii ibidem: salva annua pensione decem marcarum.

Wyngrave.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Wyngrave.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino [2] Johanni, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Dominum Johannem Trussell, admittendum in Vicariam de Wyngrave, salva annua pensione trium solidorum.

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[1] *nostrii* in MS. | [2] John Russell.

Vicaria Sancti Petri, villæ Sancti Albani.

A.D. 1480. Gift of the Vicarage of St. Peter's, at St. Albon's.

Mensis Decembris die vicesimo primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Petri, infra villam de Sancto Albano situata, Domino Johanni Maynewaring, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Jacobi Waleys; salva annua pensione octo marcarum.

Leccheworthe.

Gift of the next presentation to the living of Leccheworthe. A.D. 1481.

Memorandum, quod tertia die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo [1] octogesimo, nominatio proximæ vacationis de Leccheworthe, cum jam primo et proximo vacare contigerit, post datam præsentium, concessa est Willelmo Westby, Armigero; modo et forma, prout reperiri poterit in præcedentibus præscriptis, mutatis mutandis.

Licentia comedendi et bibendi, concessa Cellerario de Tynemutha.

Licence to eat and drink within the precints of the Priory, granted to the Cellarer of Tynemouth. A.D. 1481.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2] Protomartyris,
" dilecto nobis in Christo fratri et [3] commonacho,
" Dompno Thomæ Redepathe, Prioratus nostri de Tyne-
" mutha Cellerario, salutem. Scias quod, de gratia
" nostra speciali, licentiamus te, et per præsentes licen-
" tiamus, ad comedendum et bibendum omni tempore
" licito infra præcinctum dicti Prioratus, associatis tibi
" duobus, vel tribus ad magis, de confratribus tuis, per
" te nominandis, quamdiu officium Cellerarii supradicti
" ibidem occupaveris. In cujus rei testimonium, *et*
" *cætera*, mense Februarii, [anno] millesimo quadrin-
" gentesimo [1] octogesimo."

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[1] A.D. 1481, according to the present mode of computation.

[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

[3] *chommonacho* in MS.

Visitatio apud Tynemutham.

Mensis Decembris die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, facta fuit commissio Dompno Johanni Hatfeld, Priori de Belvero, ad visitandum Prioratum de Tynemutha, et ad inquirendum de statu ipsius loci, propter diversas lites pendentes inter Dompnum Willelmum Dixwelle, tempore confectionis præsentium, Priorem de Tynemutha prædicta, et Dompnum [1] Nicolaum Bostone, nuper dicti Prioratus Priorem; quia alter ipsorum alterum accusavit Domino Abbati, de multiplicibus [2] damnis Prioratui prædicto factis et illatis.

A.D. 1480. Nomination of John Hatfeld, Prior of Belvoir, to visit the Priory of Tynemouth, by reason of the disputes between William Dixwelle, the Prior, and Nicholas Bostone, late Prior.

Forma Commissionis reperiri potest in præcedentibus præscriptis.

Appulton in Rydale.

Mensis Martii die vicesimo tertio, præsentatus fuit Domino [3] Thomæ, Eboracensi Archiepiscopo, Magister Willelmus Clayton, propter liberam resignationem Domini Roberti Pope, immediate Vicarii ibidem, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, ad Vicariam de Appultone in Rydale.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Appulton, in Rydale. A.D. 1481.

Commissio ad visitandum Cellam de Soppewelle, et ad præsentandum Priorissam in eadem.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas *et cætera*, " dilectis nobis in Christo filiis et confratribus nostris, " Domino Johanni Rothebury, dicti nostri monasterii " Archidiacono, et Domino Thomæ Ramrugge, Sub-

Commission to make Visitation of the Nunnery of

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[1] *Nicholaum* in MS.
[2] *dampnis* in MS.
[3] Thomas Rotherham.

A.D. 1481. Sopwelle, and to appoint a new Prioress of the same.

" Priori ejusdem monasterii, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ad visitandum Domum, sive Cellam, Beatæ Mariæ de Sopwell, tam in capite quam in membris, ac etiam ad inquirendum de statu ipsius domus, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, necnon ad deponendum, erigendum, et absolvendum, citandum, suspendendum, et excommunicandum, subjectas nostras quascunque, in quocunque statu, gradu, seu dignitate, fuerint, si casus requirat, correctione nobis reservata, quia nos, propter causas diversas, nequimus hujusmodi Visitationis officio personaliter interesse, vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras committimus, per præsentes, cum cujuslibet [1] coercionis canonicæ plenaria potestate. Priorissæ, et cæteris de consororibus vestris, omnibus et singulis, in Cella, sive in Domo, prædicta, degentibus, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, tenore præsentium, firmiter injungentes, mandamus quatinus vobis in omnibus et singulis, quæ in hujusmodi Visitationis officio requiruntur, obediant, et compareant, cum effectu, sicuti nobis obedire tenerentur, si in Cella prædicta Visitationem eandem per nos personaliter exequeremur. Insuper, cum dilecta nobis in Christo filia, Domina Johanna Chapelle, Priorissa Domus, sive Cellæ, prædictæ, propter graves ipsius corporis infirmitates, ac senium, [2] incommoda quæ indies ipsam [3] sequuntur, dictam domum, sive ecclesiam, in dignitate prædicta regere minime, et gubernare, poterit; hinc est, quod ad creandum et præficiendum dilectam nobis in Christo filiam, Elizabetham Webbe, in Priorissam Domus supradictæ, auctoritate nostra, vobis vices nostras committimus, per præsentes; ratum et gratum habentes, et habituri, quicquid per vos in præmissis, et præmissa concernentibus, salubriter fue-

[1] *choercionis* in MS.
[2] *incomoda* in MS.
[3] *sequntur* in MS.

" rit ordinatum. In cujus rei *et cætera*. Data *et cætera*, A.D. 1481.
" octavo die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo
" quadringentesimo octogesimo."

Procuratorium ad excusandum Priorem alicujus loci a Concilio Provinciali, sive Capitulo, apud Northamptonam celebrato.

Appointment of a Proctor, to represent a Prior, on the occasion of his absence from the Provincial Chapter of the Benedictine Order, held at Northampton.

" Venerabilibus in Christo Patribus ac Dominis, Do-
" minis, Dei gratia, Capituli Provincialis Ordinis Sancti
" Benedicti, Nigrorum Monachorum, in Anglia, Præsi-
" dentibus, eorumve Commissariis, seu loca-tenentibus
" quibuscunque, Frater Johannes N., Prior Domus
" Beatæ Mariæ de [1] Bradwelle, ejusdem Ordinis, Lin-
" colniensis [2] Diœcesis, salutem, cum omni obedientia
" et reverentia, tantis patribus debitis, cum honore.
" Quia Capitulo vestro Provinciali, die Lunæ, videlicet,
" tertia die mensis Julii jam instantis, cum continua-
" tione et prorogatione dierum tunc sequentium, apud
" Northamptonam, celebrando, proper diversas arduas
" causas, me et domum meam, sive meum Prioratum
" supradictum, tangentes, necnon variis et [3] legitimis
" impedimentis, et ecclesiæ meæ negotiis, superveniен-
" tibus, multipliciter præpeditus, interesse [4] nequeo,
" Venerabilem [5] mihi in Christo, Dominum Johannem
" Rothbury, Archidiaconum exempti Monasterii Sancti
" Albani, meum verum et [6] legitimum procuratorem,
" excusatorem, et nuncium specialem, ordino, facio, et
" constituo, per præsentes; dans et concedens eidem,
" procuratori meo, potestatem generalem et mandatum
" speciale, pro me, et nomine meo, in dicto Capitulo
" vestro Provinciali, coram vobis, vestrisve Commissa-
" riis, comparendi et interessendi, causam, seu causas,

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[1] In Buckinghamshire.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *legittimis* in MS.
[4] *nequio* in MS.
[5] *michi* in MS.
[6] *legittimum* in MS.

" absentiæ meæ, et impedimenti mei prædicti, allegandi
" et proponendi, ipsam causam, seu causas, fore veram,
" seu veras, in animam meam jurandi, ac etiam vobis-
" cum, vestrisve Commissariis, et aliis prælatis, tunc
" ibidem existentibus, de hiis quæ ibidem, ad honorem
" Dei, cultus divini augmentationem, et observantiam
" regularem, contigerit ordinari, tractandi, et eisdem
" consentiendi; necnon omnia alia et singula faciendi,
" exercendi, et expediendi, quæ circa præmissa, vel præ-
" missorum aliquid, necessaria fuerint, vel [1] opportuna;
" promittens me ratum et gratum habiturum, quicquid
" dictus procurator meus, nomine meo, in præmissis
" duxerit faciendum, sub [2] hypotheca et obligatione
" omnium bonorum meorum, et Prioratus mei antedicti.
" In cujus rei *et cætera.*"

Tyrfelde.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Tyrefeld. A.D. 1481.

Mensis Novembris die penultimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Johanni, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Dominum Johannem Wilson, Capellanum, admittendum et constituendum in Vicariam de [3] Tyrefeld, per liberam resignationem Domini Thomæ Shawe.

Procuratorium ad excusandum Dominum Abbatem a Convocatione Cleri, factum Abbati Westmonasterii.

Appointment of the Abbot of Westminster as Proctor for the Abbot of St. Alban's,

" Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Willel-
" mus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Anglorum [4] Protomartyris, de fidelitate
" et puritate conscientiæ, ac circumspectionis industria,
" Venerabilis in Christo Patris, Johannis, Dei gratia,
" Abbatis exempti Monasterii Beati Petri, Westmonas-

[1] *oportuna* in MS.
[2] *ypotecha* in MS.
[3] Therfield, in Hertfordshire.
[4] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

" terii, plenius confidentes, [1] Londoniensis Diœcesis, A.D. 1481.
" eundem Venerabilem Patrem facimus, constituimus, et at the ensuing Convocation of the Clergy.
" ordinamus, per præsentes, nostrum procuratorem, ac
" negotiorum gestorem, in proximo Generali Concilio,
" seu Cleri Convocatione, vicesimo primo die instantis
" mensis Martii, in Ecclesia Cathedrali Sancti Pauli,
" Londoniis, celebrando : dantes eidem Venerabili Patri,
" procuratori nostro, potestatem generalem, et manda-
" tum speciale, vice et nomine nostris, causas, impedi-
" menta, et excusationes, absentiæ nostræ allegandi, et
" fidem super hiis requisitam faciendi ; necnon in om-
" nibus et singulis negotiis in eodem Concilio, sive
" Convocatione, movendis, utilitatem Ecclesiæ Angli-
" canæ concernentibus, consentiendi et concludendi ;
" immunitates et privilegia Ecclesiæ, sive Monasterii,
" nostri, allegandi et defendendi ; et si quod contra
" hujusmodi libertates objiciatur, reclamandi et contra-
" dicendi ; alium procuratorem, sive procuratores, suo
" loco substituendi, qui similem in præmissis habeat,
" vel habeant, potestatem ; et substitutum, vel substi-
" tutos, hujusmodi revocandi, et officium procuratoris in
" se assumendi, [2] quotiens sibi videbitur expedire ; et
" generaliter ac specialiter omnia et singula faciendi et
" exercendi, quæ in præmissis, et circa ea, necessaria
" fuerint, vel quomodolibet [3] opportuna, etsi mandatum
" exigat magis speciale, et quæ nos, Willelmus, Abbas
" antedictus, faceremus, si præsentes personaliter ibidem
" essemus. In quorum omnium testimonium, sigillum
" nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Data in Monas-
" terio de Sancto Albano prædicto, decimo-nono die
" mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quadringente-
" simo octogesimo [4] primo."

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[1] *London Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *quosciens* in MS.
[3] *oportuna* in MS.
[4] From the next article, it seems doubtful whether A.D. 1480, or 81, according to the present reckoning, is meant.

Procuratorium in casu ut supra.

A.D. 1481. Appointment of other proctors for the Abbot, at the ensuing Convocation of the Clergy.

Mensis Junii die tertia, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo, consimile procuratorium, ut supra, factum fuit Magistro Johanni Cooke, Legum Doctori, et Dompno Johanni Rothebury, Monasterii Sancti Albani Archidiacono, ad excusandum Dominum Abbatem a Convocatione Cleri, tenta in Ecclesia Sancti Pauli, Londoniis, quinto die mensis Junii supradicti, anno supradicto.

Ecclesia Sancti Mychaelis in Hogenlane, Londoniis.

Presentation to the Rectory of St. Michael, Hogenlane, in London.

Mensis Novembris die septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Thomæ, Londoniensi Episcopo, Magistrum Robertum Knyghte, in Legibus Bacularium, admittendum ad Rectoriam Sancti Michaelis in Hogenlane, prope Wodestrete, infra Civitatem Londoniarum; per liberam resignationem Magistri Johannis Cooke, in Legibus Doctoris; salva annua pensione quatuor solidorum.

Leccheworthe.

Presentation to the Rectory of Lecheworthe.

Mensis Novembris die septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo, præsentatus fuit Domino Johanni, Dei gratia, Lincolniensi Episcopo, per Dominum Abbatem, Magister Willelmus Whitewey, in Artibus Magister, admittendus ad Rectoriam de Lecheworthe; per liberam resignationem Magistri Roberti Knyghte, in Legibus Baculariі; salva annua pensione tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum.

Tyrfelde.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Tirefeld, conditionally.

Mensis Decembris die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo, data fuit Vicaria de Tirefeld Magistro Johanni Boteley, post

Johannem Willeson, Capellanum, ad instantiam Camerarii; conditionaliter, quod idem Magister Johannes resignaret, quandocunque per dictum Camerarium requisitus fuerit, *et cætera.* A.D. 1481.

Commissio pro Felonibus petendis litteratis, et cætera.

Commission, by the Abbot, to receive and take charge of clerks accused of felony.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [1] Diœcesis, dilecto nobis in Christo filio, " Domino Johanni Rothebury, dicti nostri monasterii " Archidiacono, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. " Ad petendum et recipiendum pro nobis, et nomine " nostro, quoscunque clericos ad forum ecclesiasticum " convolare volentes, captos, seu arrestatos, pro quibus- " cunque feloniis, et ad judicium pro dictis feloniis ad- " ducendos, coram reverendis et discretis viris, A., B., C., " et sociis suis, Justiciariis Domini nostri Regis ad gaolam ipsius Domini Regis, apud villam de Sancto Albano, liberandam, tibi, per præsentes, committimus " potestatem. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus apponi mandavimus. Data in Monasterio nostro de Sancto Albano prædicto, vicesimo " primo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo " quadringentesimo octogesimo primo."

Nominatio Rectoris de Portecrawan.

Grant of the next presentation to the Rectory of Portecrawan, in South Wales.

Mensis Februarii die undecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo [2] secundo, nominatio Rectoris de Portecrawan, in Southe Wallia, data fuit Jacobo Aphowen, modo et forma prout reperiri poterit in [3] quinto folio præcedente, mutatis mutandis; salva annua pensione octo solidorum.

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] It is doubtful which year is meant.
[3] See p. 223 *ante.*

Egglyngham.

A.D. 1482. Grant of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Egglyngham.

Nominatio Vicariæ de [1] Egglyngham, infra [2] Diœcesim Dunelmensem, concessa fuit Magistro Johanni de Gyglis, Juris utriusque Doctori, Collectori Domini Papæ infra regnum Angliæ, et cuidam Thomæ Stanys, uni valectorum Cameræ Domini Regis, mutatis mutandis, prout in præcedentibus poterit reperiri; anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo.

Kymbelle Parva.

Presentation to the Rectory of Kymbelle Parva.

Mensis Julii die duodecimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Johanni, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Dominum Johannem Peers, Capellanum, admittendum ad Rectoriam de Kymbelle Parva; per viam resignationis Domini Willelmi Halle.

Wyngrave.

Grant of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Wyngrave. A.D. 1481.

Nominatio Vicariæ de Wyngrave, cum jam primo et proximo, post datam præsentium, vacare contigerit, concessa fuit Johanni Newbury, Armigero, mensis Decembris die sexto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo; sub signeto Domini Abbatis sigillata.

Littera Testimonialis, de absolutione super irregularitate cujusdam [3] Presbyteri in anno Jubilæo.

Letters Testimonial, given by the Abbot of St. Alban's, as to the absolu-

"Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos hoc scriptum "pervenerit, Willelmus, miseratione divina, Abbas ex- "empti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [4] Proto- "martyris, salutem. Cum sanctissimus in Christo Pater "et Dominus noster, Dominus Sixtus, Divina Providen-

[1] In Northumberland.
[2] *Diocesim* in MS.
[3] *Presbiteri* in MS.
[4] *Prothomatiris* in MS.

" tia, Papa, Quartus, nuper per Litteras suas Aposto- A.D. 1476.
" licas, in anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tion of a priest, in
" septuagesimo sexto, Pontificatus vero sui anno quarto, the year of
" ad assiduas supplicationes Venerabilis Patris, [1] Johan- Jubilee, for having
" nis, Abbatis Abendoniensis, concesserit, ut ipse, per se, committed
" vel alium quemcunque per ipsum assignatum, habeat homicide, by misad-
" potestatem Apostolicam absolvendi, et Jubilæi gra- venture.
" tiam, ac plenissimam omnium peccatorum remissio-
" nem, concedendi universis et singulis infra regnum
" Angliæ, in felicissimo anno Jubilæo, degentibus;
" cumque etiam præfatus Venerabilis Pater Abendoni-
" ensis, præfata auctoritate Apostolica sibi commissa,
" me, Willelmum, Abbatem prænominatum, in anno
" supradicto, Commissarium, sive deputatum, suum, infra
" meam jurisdictionem, super præmissis, cum plenaria
" potestate antedicta, una cum dispensatione super
" irregularitate et votorum commutatione, deputaverit
" et assignaverit: — sciatis me, præfatum Willelmum,
" Abbatem, quemdam Magistrum Johannem Whelpdale,
" [2] presbyterum, in Legibus Bacularium, durante ter-
" mino anni Jubilæi supradicti, lacrimosis suspiriis in
" foro pœnitentiali ad me venientem, a commissis ab-
" solvisse, et Jubilæi gratiam ei tribuisse, et super
" [3] irregularitate in homicidio commisso casuali, quam
" in ipsius [4] defensione incurrebat, virtute et auctori-
" tate antedictis, dispensasse, et sic cum eo dispensa-
" tum esse, et ipsum a tali irregularitate absolvisse,
" et absolutum, declarasse; ipsumque, præfatum Ma-
" gistrum Johannem Whelpdale, ad pristinum statum
" suum restituisse, ac, virtute et auctoritate Litterarum
" Apostolicarum supradictarum, capacem fuisse et esse
" ad promotionem alicujus beneficii futuram, sive cum
" cura fuerit, sine curave, declarasse et pronunciasse,
" per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum

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[1] John Sant.
[2] *presbiterum* in MS.
[3] *irregularite* in MS.
[4] *defencione* in MS.

A.D. 1476. " meum præsentibus apponi mandavi. Data in Monas-
" terio meo de Sancto Albano prædicto, vicesimo die
" mensis Augusti, anno Domini supradicto."

Licentia ad desponsandum, cum unica tantum proclamatione bannarum facta.

Special licence granted, for the solemnization of marriage, the banns having been but once published. A.D. 1482.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Protomartyris,
" dilecto sibi in Christo, Vicario Ecclesiæ Parochialis
" Sancti Petri, infra villam de Sancto Albano, sive ejus
" vices gerenti, salutem. Sciatis quod nos, postquam
" primam petitionem bannarum inter J. S., *Jantilman*,
" et E. B., parochianam vestram, infra dictam vestram
" ecclesiam, semel proclamaveritis, de secundis et tertiis
" petitionibus bannarum prædictarum inter partes præ-
" dictas extunc ulterius fiendis, sive pronunciandis,
" prout moris est, cum præfatis J. et E., quantum in
" nobis est, dispensasse ; quapropter, ad [2] solemnizan-
" dum matrimonium prædictum inter præfatos J. et E.,
" infra dictam vestram ecclesiam, tempore congruo,
" quandocunque eis melius videbitur expedire, tenore
" præsentium, cum plenaria potestate vobis in hac parte
" commissa, licentiam in Domino damus, per præsentes.
" Data in manerio solitæ residentiæ nostræ, apud Titen-
" hangre, sub nostro sigillo, mensis Aprilis die quarto-
" decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" octogesimo secundo."

Horwode Parva.

Gift of the Vicarage of Horwoode Parva. A.D. 1481.

Mensis Augusti die vicesimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo, data fuit Vicaria de Horwoode Parva Domino Roberto Chamberleyn, per liberam resignationem Johannis Walton, Capellani.

[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

[2] *solempnizandum* in MS.

Horwode Parva.

Mensis Augusti die quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo, data fuit Vicaria de Horwode Parva prædicta Domino Johanni Rose, Capellano, per cessionem Domini Roberti Chamberleyne antedicti. A.D. 1482. Gift of the Vicarage of Horwode Parva.

Decretum Domini Abbatis super solutione cujusdam pensionis annuæ, solvendæ, ex assensu partium, Rectori de Busshey.

" Universis et singulis præsentes litteras inspecturis, " seu audituris, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas " Monasterii Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, Lin- " colniensis [1] Diœcesis, salutem in Domino sempiter- " nam, ac fidem indubiam præsentibus adhibere. Ad " universitatis vestræ notitiam deducimus, ac volumus " deduci, per præsentes, quod cum pridem dilectus " nobis in Christo, Dominus Johannes Hille, Rector " Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Busshey, nostræ jurisdictionis, " eandem ecclesiam, cui per diutinum [2] temporis spa- " tium præfuit, ex certis veris, justis, et [3] legitimis " causis, eum et ejus animum ad hoc moventibus, in " manus nostras, pure, simpliciter, et absolute, resig- " naverit, atque resignatione illa, ex causis hujusmodi, " primitus approbata per nos, et auctoritate nostra ad- " missa, Dominum Johannem Cortelle, [4] presbyterum, " ad eandem ecclesiam, ad quam, per illustrissimum " Principem et Dominum nostrum, Dominum Edwar- " dum, Dei gratia, Angliæ et Franciæ Regem, Quartum, " ac Dominum Hiberniæ, ratione minoris ætatis Ed- " wardi, filii Georgii, nuper Ducis Clarentiæ, verum " ejusdem ecclesiæ patronum, nobis [5] legitime præsen-

Decree made by the Abbot, as to the payment of a pension to John Hille, on his resignation of the Rectory of Busshey, by John Cortelle, the new Rector.

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.
[2] *tempris* in MS.
[3] *legittimis* in MS.
[4] *presbiterum* in MS.
[5] *legittime* in MS.

A.D. 1482. " tatus extitit, admissimus; ac eundem Dominum Jo-
" hannem Cortelle Rectorem instituimus canonice in
" eadem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis,
" nostris et dicto nostro monasterio juribus et consue-
" tudinibus semper salvis: — nos memorati Domini
" Johannis Hille, tam senio quam corporis adversa va-
" litudine pro nunc confracti, statum et honestatem
" pristinos intimius considerantes, nostræque pietatis
" et compassionis oculos ad se et ejus hujusmodi senium
" et adversam corporis valitudinem, ut decet, dirigen-
" tes, ne, sui ipsius senili ætate, corporis debilitate,
" [1] immo, infirmitate, jam instantibus, vitæ necessariis,
" personæ suæ congruis et convenientibus, defraudetur,
" et careat, quod absit, in grave [2] sui dispendium, cle-
" ricalisque ordinis obprobrium ac gravamen, [3] [et]
" famæ denigrationem, de, et cum, assensu atque volun-
" tate expressa præfati Domini Johannis Cortelle, se
" et dictam ecclesiam suam nostris ordinationi et dis-
" positioni, in hac parte, scienter et deliberate submit-
" tentis, præfato Domino Johanni Hylle, sua durante
" vita, pensionem annuam sex librarum tresdecim soli-
" dorm et quatuor denariorum, monetæ Anglicanæ, de,
" et ex, fructibus, redditibus, et proventibus, prædictæ
" Ecclesiæ de Bussheye, ad Festa [4] per dic-
" tum Dominum Johannem Cortelle, ipsius ecclesiæ
" Rectorem modernum, suosque successores, per æquales
" portiones fideliter singulis annis persolvendam, inci-
" piente prima solutione in Festo [4] , decrevi-
" mus, ordinavimus, et assignavimus, sicque, tenore præ-
" sentium, decernimus, ordinamus, et assignamus, nostra
" ordinaria potestate, per præsentes. Insuper, ordinavi-
" mus et decrevimus, etiam vi et vigore submissionis
" prædictæ, prout, tenore præsentium, ordinamus et de-

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[1] *ymo* in MS.
[2] *suæ* in MS.
[3] Omitted in MS.
[4] The times of payment are not specified.

" cernimus, quod quilibet dicti Domini Johannis Cor- A.D. 1482.
" telle, Rectoris moderni, in dicta ecclesia successor,
" statim post ejus admissionem, institutionem, et inves-
" turam, in eadem Ecclesia Parochiali, coram ipsum
" admittente, instituente, et investiente, de solvendo
" fideliter hujusmodi pensionem, modo et forma præ-
" missis, tactis per eundem corporaliter Sacrosanctis
" Dei Evangeliis, præstet uramentum. Et quod si,
" quod absit, in antea contingat præsentem nostram
" ordinationem in aliqua sui parte, culpa, negligentia,
" remissione, aut facto, præfati Domini Johannis Cor-
" telle, Rectoris, seu alicujus successorum suorum, non
" observari, [1] immo, violari et infringi, liceat nobis, et
" successoribus nostris, necnon Archidiacono nostræ
" jurisdictionis, tuncque pro tempore existenti, fructus,
" redditus, proventus, et obventiones, omnes et singu-
" los, dictæ ecclesiæ sequestrare, ac eos, et eas, sub tuto
" et arto custodire, seu custodiri facere, sequestro, do-
" nec et quousque præsens nostra ordinatio, juxta mo-
" dum et formam prænotatam, omnibus perimpleta
" [2] extiterit, et realiter, atque cum effectu, observata.
" In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nos-
" trum fecimus [3] communiri. Data in Monasterio nostro
" de Sancto Albano prædicto, mensis Novembris die
" [4] , anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" octogesimo secundo."

Resignatio Vicarii de Langley Abbatis.

Mensis Decembris die tertio, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo, Dominus Johannes Cortelle, Vicarius de Langley Abbatis, resignavit dictam vicariam suam in manus Domini Abbatis; et

Resignation of the Vicarage of Abbot's Langley.

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[1] *ymo* in MS.
[2] *extit* in MS.
[3] Sic in MS.; a mistake, probably, for "*apponi.*"
[4] The date is omitted.

A.D. 1482. resignavit pure, sponte, et absolute, modo et forma prout in resignatione proxima præcedente inveniri poterit, mutatis mutandis, coram Domino Archidiacono, Domino Willelmo Lychefelde, Johanne Newbury, Johanne Grey, Roberto Clothman, et multis aliis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis.

Præsentatio Domini Regis ad Ecclesiam de Busshey.

Presentation by the King, for Edward, son of the late Duke of Clarence, to the Rectory of Busshey.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et " Dominus Hiberniæ, dilecto nobis in Christo, Willelmo, " Abbati Monasterii Sancti Albani, salutem. Ad Eccle- " siam Parochialem de Busshey, Lincolniensis [1] Dioe- " cesis, et nostri patronatus, ratione minoris ætatis " Edwardi, filii Georgii, nuper Ducis Clarentiæ, per " liberam resignationem Domini Johannis Hille, ultimi " incumbentis ejusdem, jam vacantem, et ad nostram " donationem pleno jure spectantem, dilectum nobis " Johannem Cortelle vobis præsentamus; mandantes " quatinus eundem Johannem ad ecclesiam prædictam " admittere, ipsumque Rectorem in eadem instituere, " cæteraque peragere, quæ vestro in hac parte incum- " bunt officio pastorali, velitis, cum favore. In cujus " rei testimonium, has litteras nostras signeto nostro " muniri fecimus. Data apud Turrem nostram, Londo- " niis, sexto die mensis Novembris, anno Domini mil- " lesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo."

Institutio Rectoris de Busshey.

Institution of the Rector of Busshey.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo- " nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " Lincolniensis [2] [Dioecesis], ad Romanam Ecclesiam, " nullo medio, pertinentis, dilecto nobis in Christo, Do- " mino Johanni Cortelle, Capellano, salutem, gratiam,

[1] *Diocesis* in MS. | [2] Omitted in MS.

" et benedictionem. Ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de A.D. 1482.
" Busshey, nostrarum institutionis et jurisdictionis ex-
" emptæ, ad quam, per illustrissimum Principem et
" Dominum nostrum, Dominum Edwardum, Dei gratia,
" Angliæ et Franciæ Regem, Quartum, et Dominum
" Hiberniæ, ejusdem ecclesiæ patronum, ratione mino-
" ris ætatis Edwardi, filii Georgii, nuper Ducis Cla-
" rentiæ, nuper nobis præsentatus fueras, per liberam
" resignationem Domini Johannis Hylle, ultimi incum-
" bentis ibidem, vacantem, tibi conferimus, et te Rec-
" torem perpetuum instituimus canonice in eadem, cum
" suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, jure, dignitate,
" et consuetudinibus, monasterii nostri antedicti, nec-
" non quadam annua pensione viginti quatuor solido-
" rum et quatuor denariorum, nobis, et dicto nostro
" monasterio, ab eadem rectoria debita et consueta, in
" omnibus semper salvis. Data in dicto nostro mo-
" nasterio, nostro sub sigillo, mensis Novembris die
" quarto, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" octogesimo secundo."

Langley Abbatis.

Gift of the Vicarage of Abbot's Langley.

Mensis Decembris die nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo, data fuit Vicaria de Langley Abbatis Domino Willelmo Tokee, per liberam resignationem Domini Johannis Cortelle; salva annua pensione viginti sex solidorum octo denariorum.

The Vicar excused from the usual yearly payment.

[1] Memorandum, quod licet ita sit quod annua [2] pensio viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum inscribitur in collatione, ut supra fit mentio, propter exilitatem beneficii, [3] nihil Vicarius solvit.

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[1] A hand is drawn in the margin, calling attention to this entry.

[2] *pencio* in MS.

[3] *nichil* in MS.

Perpetuitas concessa Priori de Tynemutha, octavo die Martii, anno millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo.

A.D. 1483. Grant of the Priory of Tynemouth to Nicholas Boston, for life.

Memorandum, quod octavo die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo secundo, Dominus Willelmus Dyxwell, Prior de Bynham, fuit cum Domino Abbate, apud Titenhangre, et, ex instante labore ac interventu dicti Prioris, Domino Abbati factis, Dominus Abbas concessit Domino [1] Nicolao Boston, adtunc Priori de Tynemutha, perpetuitatem in officio Prioratus ibidem, quoad vixerit, sigillatam cum sigillo Domini Abbatis tantum. Et pro scriptura ac sigillatione dictæ perpetuitatis, dictus Dompnus Willelmus Dixwelle solvit, suis propriis expensis.

His former deposition caused by William Dyxwell, who succeeded him; but who now repents, and effects his reinstatement.

Et causa sui laboris ac suarum expensarum in præmissis fiendis hæc fuerat: — quia per laborem suum sinistrum, factum dicto Domino Abbati, in anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo, idem [2] Nicolaus Bostone, adtunc Prior de Tynemutha prædicta, fuit depositus de Prioratu prædicto, et Dominus Willelmus Dixwell creatus fuit in Priorem ibidem; qui tunc malitiose et violenter perpetuitatem quam idem [3] Nicolaus Prior adtunc habuit, idem Willelmus Dixwell, ab ipso rapuit, fregit, et [4] dilaceravit. Et ideo ipse, conscientia motus, de præmissis, pro perpetuitate prædicta habenda, Domino Abbate instantissime laboravit. Quæ perpetuitas scribitur modo et forma, ut per prius fuerat concessa, in folio sexto-decimo ab isto, [5] retrorsum computando, *et cætera.*

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[1] *Nicholao* in MS.
[2] *Nicholaus* in MS.
[3] *Nycholaus* in MS.
[4] *delaceravit* in MS.
[5] *retrossum* in MS., see p. 165 *ante.*

Tynby.

Mensis Martii die tertia, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo [1] secundo, ad instantiam Domini Ricardi, Ducis Gloucestriæ, data fuit, et concessa, Magistro Rogero Hanley, Ecclesia de Tynby, in Southe Wallia, cum jam primo et proximo eam, post datam præsentium, vacare contigerit. A.D. 1483. Gift of the Church of Tynby, in South Wales.

Barnet.

Mensis Januarii die penultimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo [1] secundo, nominatio Ecclesiæ de Barnet concessa fuit Domino Ricardo, Duci Gloucestriæ, cum jam primo et proximo vacare contigerit, post datam præsentium; sub scriptura et sigillo Domini Abbatis, sibi et Johanni Kendale, Secretario suo, et suis assignatis. Grant to Richard, Duke of Gloucester, of the next presentation to the Church of Barnet.

Caldecote.

Mensis Martii die quinto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo [1] secundo, Dominus Abbas concessit Domino Thomæ Whiteacris, quod si Ecclesia de Caldecote vacare contigerit, ipso Domino Thoma superstite, [2] quod promovebitur ad eandem per Dominum Abbatem; ex cujus mandato istud memorandum hic inscribitur. Promise of the next presentation to the Church of Caldecote.

Litteræ patentes, conjunctim concessæ Willelmo, Domino de Hastingis, et Johanni Forster, in officio Senescalli.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scrip-
" tum tripertitum indentatum pervenerit, Willelmus,
" permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Grant, by letters patent, of the office

[1] A.D. 1483, according to the present mode of computation.

[2] So repeated in MS.

A.D. 1482. of Seneschal, or Steward, to William, Lord Hastings, and John Forster.

" Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum, considerantes singularem amorem quem Willelmus Hastingis, Miles, Dominus Hastyngis, erga nos, ecclesiamque nostram, ante hæc tempora gessit, eundemque sic gerere confidentes in futuro ; ac etiam, pro bono et laudabili servitio et [1] consilio quæ dilectus nobis in Christo, Johannes Forster, nobis, et dicto nostro monasterio, per prius impendit, ac [2] in posterum impendere affectat ; dedisse, et per præsentes concessisse, eisdem Willelmo et Johanni officium Senescalli, sive Senescalciæ, omnium maneriorum, dominiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, libertatum, franchesiarum, et villarum, nostrarum quarumcunque, in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ, Essexiæ, Bukenhamiæ, Berkesciræ, Middelsexiæ, et alibi infra regnum Angliæ, et in Wallia, existentium, et dicto nostro monasterio pertinentium ; habendum et tenendum, occupandum et exercendum, officium prædictum, præfatis Willelmo, Domino Hastingis, et Johanni Forster, conjunctim et divisim, seu eorum alteri, per se, vel sufficientem deputatum, aut sufficientes deputatos, eorum, aut alterius eorum, ad terminum vitæ prædictorum Willelmi et Johannis, seu alterius eorum diutius viventis, percipiendo annuatim pro officio prædicto, durante vita eorum, aut alterius eorum diutius viventis, omnia feoda, vadia, annuitates, liberatas, cameras, togas, stabula, sustentationes equorum, cum ferruris eorundem, et omnia et singula regarda et proficua, eidem officio pertinentia, et ex antiquo debita et consueta. Et non licebit præfato Willelmo, Domino Hastingis, nec Johanni Forster, neque eorum alteri, officium prædictum alicui dare, vendere, nec ad firmam dimittere, sive aliquo alio modo alienare, sub pœna amissionis officii prædicti. In cujus rei testimonium, *et*

[1] *concilio* in MS. | [2] *imposterum* in MS.

" *cætera.* Data octavo die Februarii, [1] [anno] millesimo A.D. 1483.
" quadringentesimo octogesimo [2] secundo."

Manumissio.

Manumission of a born bondman, with his issue.

Mensis Aprilis die primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas manumisit Johannem Hale, de Hextone, nativum suum dicti dominii, filium Willelmi Hale, ejusdem dominii nativi, cum tota sequela sua, a data præsentium procreanda, et non procreata, *et cætera.*

Nominatio de Walington.

Gift of the next presentation to the Rectory of Wallington.

Mensis Aprilis die octavo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, proxima vacatio Rectoriæ de Wallington, post datam [3] hujus, cum dicta Rectoria vacaverit, concessa est Johanni Newbury, Armigero, et assignatis suis, sub magno sigillo Domini Abbatis, ad nominandum eidem aliquam personam [4] idoneam *et cætera.*

Proxima vacatio domus Anachorissæ Sancti Michaelis concessa est Domino Simoni Appulby.

Grant of the next vacancy of the house of the Anchoress at St. Michael's, to Simon Appulby, to live as an Anchorite there.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [5] Protomartyris,
" dilecto nobis in Christo, Domino Symoni Appulby,
" Capellano, salutem. Cum nuper, ex parte tua, nobis
" humiliter extiterit supplicatum, ut domum, sive man-
" sionem, ædificatam et annexam Ecclesiæ Sancti Mi-
" chaelis, juxta villam Sancti Albani, in qua Domina
" Margareta Smythe, Anachorissa, jam residet, cum

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[1] Omitted in MS.
[2] A.D. 1483, according to the modern reckoning.
[3] This word is an interlineation, and the reading is doubtful.
[4] *ydoniam* in MS.
[5] *Prothomartiris* in MS.

A.D. 1483. " jam primo et proximo, post datam præsentium, eandem de Anachorissa vacare contigerit, et fore destitutam, tibi concedere dignaremur, ut tu in eadem domo in Anachoritam profiteri possis, et in ipsa in ordine prædicto vivere, ac, quoad vixeris, Deo servire, valeas; nos, supplicationibus tuis, in hac parte, favorabiliter inclinati, petitionibus humilibus tuis, et supplicationibus, cum tempus vacationis domus supradictæ advenerit, in Anachoritam ibidem recipiendum et profitendum, quantum in Domino possumus, concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus apponi mandavimus. Data vicesimo sexto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio."

Idelestre.

Gift of the Rectory of Idelestre.

Mensis Aprilis die vicesimo nono, et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, data fuit Rectoria de Idelestre Domino Johanni Jubbe, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Magistri Ricardi Bosquet, ultimi Rectoris ibidem.

Nominatio de Caldecote et Brantfelde.

Grant of the next presentation to one of two Rectories, in the County of Hertford.

Mensis Junii die decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas concessit, sub sigillo suo, Thomæ Bradwell, Armigero, et Johanni Seman, tantum, et non ipsorum assignatis, nominationem cujuscunque personæ [1] idoneæ ad unam istarum Rectoriarum, cum jam primo et proximo vacare contigerit; videlicet, ad Rectoriam Beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ de Caldecote, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, et Rectoriam de Brantefelde, dicto-

[1] *ydoniæ* in MS. | [2] *Diocesis* in MS.

rum Comitatus et [1] Dicœcesis, dedicatam in honore Sancti Andreæ Apostoli. A.D. 1483.

Memorandum, quod ista nominatio concessa est præfatis Thomæ et Johanni, ad promovendum Dominum Thomam Whitacrisse ad unam dictarum Rectoriarum, et nullam personam aliam; licet concessio nominationis emanaverit sub terminis generalibus. Object of the grant, in favour of Thomas Whitacrisse, and no other person.

Licentia concessa cuidam Canonico a Priore suo, ad absentandum se a domo sua, et ad impetrandum sibi servitium.

Grant of leave by the Prior of North Fereby, to Roger Spofford, a member of the house, to absent himself, and to follow certain specified avocations. A.D. 1481.

" Universis et singulis, Reverendissimis in Christo " Patribus et Dominis, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Ab- " batibus, Prioribus, Præpositis, ac aliis quibuscunque " Ecclesiarum Catholicarum, ac aliarum, prælatis, cæte- " risque almæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsentes " litteræ pervenerint, Thomas Beverley, divina misera- "tione, Prior Domus, sive Prioratus, de Northe Fereby, " Eboracensis [1] Dicœcesis, et ejusdem loci Conventus, " Ordinis Templi Domini Jerosolomitani, dignissimas " reverentias, et animos ad orationum suffragia para- " tissimos, cum honore. Conditiones et merita per- " sonarum in nostro Prioratu conversantium oculis " justitiæ intuentes, illos commendatione prosequimur " laudabilis testimonii, quos religionis zelus et merita " personarum laudibus indicant extollendos. Qua de " re, universitati vestræ, harum serie, innotescimus, quod " dilectus confrater noster, Rogerus Spofford, dictæ do- " mus, sive Prioratus, Canonicus Regularis, Regulam " Sancti Augustini in eodem expresse professus, atque " in ordine sacerdotali notorie constitutus, quem mores " et modestia reddunt commendabilem, postquam in " dicta domo, sive Prioratu, nostro, longo temporis " spatio bene, pacifice, et honeste, conversatus est, ac

[1] *Diocesis* in MS.

A.D. 1481. " Regulam Sancti Augustini prædictam professus, et " ordinem sacerdotalem canonice fuit adeptus, grata " devotionis obsequia nobis [1] voluntarie [2] siccine im- " pendit, continue laudabiliter impendere non desistit, " quod nostræ [3] benevolentiæ januam fuimus [4] coacti " sibi [5] aperire. Hinc est, quod nos ipsum confratrem " nostrum ad nostrorum Canonicorum regulæ, sive obe- " dientiæ, observantiam aliqualiter nolentes in futurum " teneri, seu obligari, nisi in quantum [2] sui probitatis " conscientia expedit onerata, ne ad eandem a quo- " cunque invito compelli teneatur, secum, in Domino, " misericorditer dispensavimus, et, tenore præsentium, " dispensamus; eidemque, ex uberiori cumulo gratiæ, " ut seipsum a domo, sive Prioratu, nostro prædicto " [6] in perpetuum absentare, et in Universitate, sive " Studio privilegiato, sive alias ubique locorum, insis- " tere, ac beneficium ecclesiasticum, cum cura vel sine " cura, canonicatum et præbendam annualem, servi- " tium, officium, vel hospitale, aut aliud quodcunque " stipendium, recipere et habere, valeat, harum serie " licentiam in Domino, quantum in nos attinet, et de " jure possumus, concedimus specialem. In quorum " omnium et singulorum testimonium atque fidem, has " litteras nostras, sigilli nostri communis munimine cor- " roboratas, prædicto confratri nostro, ne tanquam " apostata, qui, honestatis laxatis habenis, monastica- " que modestia ac humanitatis verecundia abjectis, extra " suum monasterium per habitacula sæcularium per- " sonarum illicentiatus discurrit, vulgari indicetur ser- " mone, fieri fecimus testimoniales. Data in Domo nostra " Capitulari, vicesimo octavo die mensis Augusti, " anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo " primo."

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[1] *vouluntarie* in MS.
[2] Sic in MS.
[3] *benivolentiæ* in MS.
[4] *choacti* in MS.
[5] *apparire* in MS.
[6] *imperpetuum* in MS.

Licentia a Domino Abbate dicto Canonico concessa, accipere servitium annuale, per unum annum duraturum, infra jurisdictionem Sancti Albani.

A.D. 1483. Leave granted by the Abbot of St. Alban's to the said Roger Spofford, to take service within his jurisdiction, for one year.

" Willelmus, divina miseratione, Abbas Monasterii " Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Protomartyris, Ordinis " Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [2] Diœcesis, ad Romanam " Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, omnibus ad quos " præsentes litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod " quasdam litteras patentes reverendi et religiosi viri, " Thomæ Beverley, Prioris Domus, sive Prioratus, de " North Feryby, Eboracensis [2] Diœcesis, et ejusdem loci " Conventus, Ordinis Templi Domini Jerosolomitani, " nuper inspeximus; per quas intelleximus quod iidem " Prior et Conventus, propter arduas causas ipsos mo- " ventes, ex eorum unanimi assensu et voluntate, quem- " dam Rogerum Spofford, confratrem et commonachum, " [3] concanonicum domus supradictæ, in ordine sacer- " dotali [4] legitime constitutum, quantum in ipsis est, " quoad certum tempus, extra claustrum suum transire, " seipsumque ab inde absentare, licentiaverunt, et cum " ipso dispensaverunt; ac interim, ut annuale servi- " tium, aut aliud quodcunque stipendium, recipere et " habere valeat, eidem Rogero concesserunt; prout in " dictis litteris patentibus, quarum data est octavo die " mensis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo quadringen- " tesimo octogesimo primo, sigillo [5] communi domus " supradictæ, in Domo Capitulari ejusdem, sigillatis, " luculentius apparet. Quia nobis precibus multipli- " citer per præfatum Rogerum Spofforde fusis, ut, " præmissis consideratis, infra jurisdictionem nostram " prædictam servitium annuale percipere et habere " licentiam eidem concedere dignaremur;—nos, suppli-

[1] *Prothomartirıs* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *conchanonicum* in MS.
[4] *legittime* in MS.
[5] *commune* in MS.

A.D. 1483. " cationibus suis favorabiliter inclinati, ut servitium
" annuale, infra jurisdictionem nostram prædictam, ha-
" bere et gaudere valeat, quantum in nobis est, de
" gratia nostra speciali, licentiam, in Domino, damus,
" per præsentes, per annum unum duraturam; vide-
" licet, a Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, proximo
" futuro post datam præsentium, usque ad illum diem
" ad annum revolutum. In [1] cujus rei testimonium,
" sigillum Archidiaconatus monasterii nostri prædicti
" præsentibus apponi mandavimus. Data in manerio
" solitæ residentiæ nostræ, apud Titenhangre, penultimo
" die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quadringen-
" tesimo octogesimo tertio."

Mylton Erneys.

Presentation to the Vicarage of Mylton Erneys.

Mensis Octobris die tertia, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, præsentatus fuit Domino Johanni, Lincolniensi Episcopo, Dominus Johannes Copull, admittendus et inducendus in Vicariam de Mylton Erneys, vacantem per liberam resignationem Domini Ricardi Bagley.

Tynemouthe.

Grant of a perpetuity to Nicholas Bostone, Prior of Tynemouth, for the term of his life; King Richard the Third intervening therein, and mak-

Mensis Novembris die decimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, perpetuitas concessa fuit Domino [2] Nicolao Boston, Priori de Tynemutha, de Prioratu prædicto ad terminum vitæ suæ, secundum formam aliarum litterarum patentium, per prius in [3] præcedentibus, sibi concessarum. Et quia patentes præscriptæ fuerant sigillatæ cum sigillo Abbatis tantum, jam, ad instantiam serenissimi Regis, Ricardi Tertii, sigillatæ fuerant ultimæ litteræ patentes cum sigillis Abbatis et etiam Conventus; quia

[1] *cuis* in MS.
[2] *Nicholao* in MS.
[3] See p. 184 *ante*.

idem Dominus Rex, ut idem Prior asseruit, promisit dare centum libras ad opus fabricæ aquaticæ ibidem, et beneficium valoris in commendam dicto domui in perpetuum *et cætera.* A.D. 1483. ing promise to give 100*l.* towards building a water-mill.

Manumissio.

Mensis Novembris die vicesimo sexto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, Dominus Abbas, sub sigillo suo, ac sub sigillo communi domus suæ, manumisit, et ab omni jugo servitutis, villenagii, sive bondagii, liberavit, et liberum fecit, Philippum at Nassh, de dominio suo de Sandrugg, nuper filium Thomæ at Nassh, defuncti, dicti dominii, dum vixit, nativi, cum tota sequela sua, procreata ad tunc, et [1] in posterum procreanda, *et cætera.* Manumission of a born bondman, with his issue.

Nortoune.

Mensis Septembris die sexto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, data fuit Vicaria de Nortone Fratri Willelmo Preston, Ordinis Fratrum [2] Cisterciensium; qui per Bullam Sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Sixti, Papæ, Quarti, licentiatus fuit, et capax, recipere beneficium curatum, etiamsi Vicaria existat; per privationem Domini Laurentii Nycholle, Capellani, immediate vicarii ibidem. Gift of the Vicarage of Nortone.

Litteræ patentes, concessæ Willelmo Domino de Hastingis, et Johanni Foster, conjunctim, de officio Senescalli Monasterii Sancti Albani.

" [3] Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum indentatum pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et Grant, by letters patent, of the office of Seneschal,

[1] *imposterum* in MS.
[2] *Cistrencium* in MS.
[3] See an almost similar grant in p. 225 *ante.*

A.D. 1482. or Steward, to William, Lord Hastings, and John Forster.

" ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempi-
" ternam. Sciatis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conven-
" tum, considerantes singularem amorem quem Wil-
" lelmus, Dominus de Hastyngis, erga nos, ecclesiamque
" nostram, ante hæc tempora gessit, eundemque sic
" gerere confidentes in futurum; ac etiam, pro bono
" et laudabili servitio quod dilectus nobis in Christo,
" Johannes Forster, Armiger, nobis et dicto nostro
" monasterio impendit, ac impendere desideret in fu-
" turo, dedisse, et per præsentes concessisse, eisdem
" Willelmo, Domino de Hastingis, et Johanni Forster,
" Armigero, officium Senescalli, sive Senescalciæ nos-
" træ, omnium maneriorum, dominiorum, terrarum,
" tenementorum, libertatum, franchesiarum, et villarum,
" nostrarum quarumcunque, in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ,
" Essexiæ, Bukenhamiæ, Berkesciræ, Myddelsexiæ, et
" alibi infra regnum Angliæ, et in Wallia, existentium,
" et dicto nostro monasterio pertinentium; habendum,
" tenendum, occupandum, et exercendum, officium præ-
" dictum, præfatis Willelmo, Domino de Hastingis, et
" Johanni Forster, Armigero, conjunctim et divisim,
" seu eorum alteri, vel eorum, aut eorum alterius, suf-
" ficienti deputato, ad terminum vitæ prædictorum
" Willelmi, Domini de Hastingis, et Johannis Forster,
" Armigeri, seu eorum alterius, diutius viventis. Pro,
" et in quo, quidem officio dictus Johannes Forster re-
" cipiet annuatim, durante vita sua, omnia vadia, feoda,
" annuitates, libertates, cameras, togas, stabula, susten-
" tationes equorum, cum ferruris eorundem, et omnia
" et singula regarda eidem officio pertinentia, et ex
" antiquo debita et consueta; prædictusque Willelmus,
" Dominus de Hastingis, [1] nihil de præmissis vendi-
" cabit sibi, durante vita ipsius Johannis Forster. Et
" post decessum præfati Johannis, officium prædictum,
" cum omnibus præmissis, dicto officio pertinentibus,

[1] *nichil* in MS.

" præfato Willelmo, Domino de Hastingis, et suo suf- A.D. 1482.
" ficienti deputato, durante vita sua, integre in forma
" prædicta remanebunt. Et non licebit præfato Wil-
" lelmo, Domino de Hastingis, nec Johanni Forster,
" neque eorum alicui, officium prædictum alicui dare,
" vendere, nec ad firmam dimittere, sive quovismodo
" alienare, sub pœna amissionis officii prædicti, et om-
" nium præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium, tam
" [1] sigilla *et cætera*, [2] [anno] millesimo quadringente-
" simo octogesimo secundo."

[3] Notandum est, quod litteræ patentes prædictæ, dictis Willelmo, Domino de Hastingis, et Johanni Forster, Armigero, concessæ, minime prævalebant; quia, infra breve tempus post concessionem earundem, idem Willelmus, Dominus de Hastingis, duodecimo die mensis Junii, videlicet, in die Sancti Basilidis, Sociorumque ejus, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, Littera Dominicalis D., infra Turrim Londoniarum, suis demeritis exigentibus, ut dictum erat, capitis sententiam subiit, per mandatum Regis Ricardi Tertii, tunc incipiente sui regni anno primo. Et dictus Johannes Forster, per mandatum dicti Domini Regis, commissus fuit in Turrim Londoniarum tertio-decimo die mensis Junii, anno supradicto; in qua permansit prisonarius, a prædicto tertio-decimo die Junii, usque decimum diem mensis Martii immediate sequentem, videlicet, per tres quarterios anni, quatuor diebus exceptis. Et sic in prisona sub arta custodia detentus, sub spe relaxationis suæ pœnæ, remisit et relaxavit totum titu-

The preceding letters patent of no effect, owing to the execution, soon after, of Lord Hastings, and the imprisonment of John Forster; who, in prison, releases all title to the office; the same being given to William Catesby, a member of the King's Council. A.D. 1483.

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[1] Written as "*gilla*" in MS.

[2] Omitted in MS.

[3] "*Willelmus, Dominus de Hastingis, decapitatus fuit in London, absque judicio. Johannes Forster, legisperitus, conjicitur in Turrim, et privatus officio Senescalli liber-tatis Monasterii Sancti Albani.*" Marginal Note, in a somewhat later hand.

A.D. 1483. lum suum, et summum interesse, quod habuit in dicto officio suo Senescalli Sancti Albani, Willelmo Catesby, adtunc magno Conciliario Domini nostri Regis Ricardi, supradicti; cui Willelmo illud officium concessum erat, infra duos dies post arestationem dicti Johannis Forster, et postmodum concessum erat eidem in scriptis subsequentibus.—

Litteræ patentes concessæ Willelmo Catesby, de officio Senescalli Monasterii Sancti Albani.

Grant, by letters patent, of the office of Seneschal to William Catesby.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum " indentatum pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina, " Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem " loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Scia- " tis quod nos, considerantes singularem amorem quem " Willelmus Catesby, legisperitus, erga nos, ecclesiam- " que nostram, ante hæc tempora gessit, eundemque " sic gerere confidentes in futurum, ac pro suo [1] con- " silio nobis impenso, et [2] in posterum impendendo, " dedisse, et per præsentes concessisse, eidem Willelmo " Catesby officium Senescalli, sive Senescalciæ nostræ, " omnium maneriorum, dominiorum, terrarum, tene- " mentorum, libertatum, franchesiarum, et villarum, " nostrarum quarumcunque, in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ, " Essexiæ, Bukenhamiæ, Berkesciræ, Myddelsexiæ, et " alibi infra regnum Angliæ, et in Wallia, existentium, " et dicto nostro monasterio [3] pertinentium; habendum " et tenendum officium prædictum præfato Willelmo " Catesby, et suo sufficienti deputato, ad terminum " vitæ ipsius Willelmi tantum; recipiendo in, et pro, " officio illo, omnia vadia, feoda, annuitates, liberatas, " cameras, togas, stabula, sustentationes equorum, cum " ferruris eorundem, et omnia et singula regarda eidem " officio pertinentia, et ex antiquo debita et consueta.

[1] *concilio* in MS.
[2] *imposterum* in MS.
[3] *partinentium* in MS.

" Et non licebit præfato Willelmo Catesby officium A.D. 1483.
" prædictum alicui dare, vendere, nec ad firmam dimit-
" tere, sive quovismodo alienare, sub pœna amissionis
" officii prædicti, et omnium præmissorum. In cujus
" rei testimonium, tam sigilla nostrum, prædictorum
" Abbatis et Conventus, quam sigillum prædicti Wil-
" lelmi Catesby, præsentibus scriptis indentatis alter-
" natim sunt appensa. Data in Domo Capitulari Mo-
" nasterii prædicti, primo die mensis Augusti, anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio,
" et Regis Ricardi Tertii anno primo."

Pembrooke.

Commission to visit the Priory of Pembroke.

Mensis Septembris die nono-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio, Commissio facta fuit Domino Johanni Rothebury, Monasterii Sancti Albani Archidiacono, ad visitandum Prioratum de Pembroke, in Southe Wallia, tam in capite quam in membris, secundum vim, formam, et effectum, aliarum Commissionum in præscriptis [1] præcedentibus scriptarum, mutatis mutandis, *et cætera.*

Tynebye.

Presentation to the Rectory of Tyneby. A.D. 1484.

Mensis Martii die tricesimo primo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo quarto, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Johanni, Episcopo Menevensi, Dominum Ricardum Langshawe, Capellanum, admittendum ad Rectoriam de Tynebye, in South Wallia, vacantem per resignationem liberam Magistri Johannis Hunden, Sacræ Theologiæ Professoris, nuper Episcopi Landavensis, *et cætera.*

[1] *præsidentibus* in MS.

Perpetuitas concessa Priori de Hertfordia, in Prioratu suo Hertfordiæ.

A.D. 1484. Grant of a perpetuity to Richard Lamplew, Prior of Hertford, for the term of his life.

" Omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Wil-
" lelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Protomartyris, salutem in
" Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos, ob sinceram de-
" votionem, dilectionem, favorem, et amorem, quos ver-
" sus prædilectum confratrem et commonachum nos-
" trum, Dompnum Ricardum Lamplew, gerimus et
" habemus, ac gerere et habere intendimus, et, specia-
" liter, ad instantiam et specialem requisitionem Reve-
" rendi in Christo Patris et Domini, Domini [2] Johannis,
" Dei gratia, Lincolniensis Episcopi, Cancellarii Angliæ,
" Thomæ Bryan, Capitalis Justiciarii Domini Regis
" de Communi Banco, Militis, Willelmi Say, Militis,
" Willelmi Catesby, pro corpore Domini Regis [3] Armi-
" geri, Johannis Sturgeon, pro corpore Domini Regis
" Armigeri, et Johannis Pulter, Armigeri, præfixisse,
" ordinasse, et fecisse, ipsum Dominum Ricardum Lam-
" plough, Priorem Domus, sive Prioratus, nostri, gloriosæ
" Virginis Mariæ, Genitricis Dei, juxta Hertfordiam;
" habendum et tenendum, occupandum et pacifice pos-
" sidendum, prædictum officium Prioris Prioratus præ-
" dicti, cum omnibus juribus et emolumentis dicto
" Prioratui concernentibus, sive pertinentibus, præfato
" Ricardo Lamplough, commonacho nostro, durante vita
" sua naturali, sine reclamatione, aut exoneratione, nos-
" tris, aut successorum nostrorum, quovismodo in futuro
" fienda, nisi ex sua propria voluntate dictum officium
" Prioris Prioratus prædicti voluntarie et sponte relin-
" quere et renunciare voluerit, per præsentes. In cujus
" rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus ap-
" poni mandavimus. Data in Monasterio nostro de
" Sancto Albano prædicto, primo die mensis Augusti,

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[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[2] John Russell.
[3] *Armigerii* in MS.

" anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo A.D. 1484.
" quarto."

Licentia concessa ad celebrandum Missam in Hospitio infra villam Sancti Albani.

Licence, granted by the Abbot, for the celebration of Mass, in a hostelry called "The George," at St. Alban's; the owner having an oratory there.

" Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [1] Protomartyris,
" omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint, salu-
" tem. Eo desiderio puriori et ferventiori zelo justis
" votis supplicantium condescendere reddimur proni-
" ores, quo ipsa ad honorem Dei, et Ipsius cultus in-
" crementum sensibile, tendere dinoscuntur. Sane ex
" parte dilecti nobis in Christo, Thomæ Hethnes, de
" villa de Sancto Albano prædicta, *Inholder*, extitit
" humiliter supplicatum, quatinus, capellanis, cum mag-
" natibus et proceribus, et aliis hospitibus, ad hospi-
" tium suum, vocatum 'Le George,' infra dictam vil-
" lam situatum, advenientibus, in Oratorio, sive
" Capella, infra dictum hospitium situato, de tempore
" in tempus Missam, seu Missas, submissa voce, licite
" celebrare valeant, licentiam specialem concedere dig-
" naremur: — nos igitur, piis supplicationibus ipsius
" Thomæ, in hac parte, favorabiliter inclinati, hujus-
" modi capellanis, cum magnatibus, proceribus, ac aliis
" hospitibus, dicto hospitio per vices accedentibus,
" ordinis sui executionem obtinentibus, in Oratorio, sive
" Capella, prædicto, Missam, seu Missas, submissa voce,
" ut supra dictum est, celebrantibus, quantum in nobis
" est, licentiam in Domino [2] impertimur: dum tamen,
" per celebrationem hujusmodi, Ecclesiæ Parochiali
" Sancti Andreæ, villæ prædictæ, nullum præjudicium,
" [3] seu [4] damnum, in oblationibus, seu juribus aliis dictæ

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[1] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[2] *impartimur* in MS.
[3] *se* in MS.
[4] *dampnum* in MS.

A.D. 1484. " ecclesiæ pertinentibus, penitus inferatur. In cujus
" rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus feci-
" mus apponi, ad nostrum beneplacitum duraturis.
" Data in manerio solitæ residentiæ nostræ, apud Ty-
" tenhangre, sexto die mensis Maii, anno Domini mil-
" lesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo quarto."

Nominatio de Crownwere, in Comitatu Pembrochiæ, concessa est Majori et Burgensibus villæ de Tynebie, [1] *in perpetuum, sub communi sigillo, et cætera.*

Formal grant to the Mayor and burgesses of Teneby of the nomination of two Chaplains in the Parish Church of Crownwere, with the donation of the Hermitage of St. Daniel's, near Pembroke.

" Universis et singulis ad quos præsentes litteræ
" pervenerint, Willelmus, Abbas exempti Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2] Protomartyris, et ejusdem
" loci Conventus, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnien-
" sis [3] Diœcesis, salutem in Eo, de Cujus latere salus
" universæ saliit creaturæ. Ad universitatis vestræ
" notitiam deducimus, et deduci volumus, per præsentes,
" quod nos, Abbas et Conventus antedicti, ex unani-
" mibus nostris [4] consensu et voluntate, dedimus, con-
" cessimus, et, hoc præsenti scripto nostro indentato,
" confirmavimus, dilectis nobis in Christo, Majori et
" Burgensibus villæ Tenebiæ, Menevensis [3] Diœcesis, in
" Comitatu Pembrochiæ, et successoribus suis, Majoribus
" et Burgensibus ejusdem villæ, qui pro tempore fue-
" rint, quod ipsi [1] in perpetuum habeant liberam no-
" minationem duorum Capellanorum, sive duarum Per-
" sonarum [5] idonearum, ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de
" Crownwere, dictæ Menevensis [3] Diœcesis, quandocunque
" et [6] quotiescunque eandem ecclesiam, per cessionem,
" dimissionem, permutationem, resignationem, privatio-

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[1] *imperpetum* in MS.
[2] *Prothomartire* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *concensu* in MS.
[5] *ydoniarum* in MS.
[6] *quoscienscunque* in MS.

" nem, seu aliquo alio casu emergente, vacare contigerit.
" Ita quod ipsi nobis, seu successoribus nostris, sub
" sigillo communi dictæ villæ, hujusmodi Capellanos,
" sive Personas, nominaverint; et tunc nos, et succes-
" sores nostri, unum de dictis Capellanis, sive Personis,
" ad eandem ecclesiam, sic vacantem, loci illius [1] Dioe-
" cesano debita juris forma præsentare valeamus; et
" quousque dicti Major et Burgenses Capellanos, sive
" Personas, hujusmodi nobis, seu successoribus nostris,
" ut præfertur, nominaverint, nos a quacunque præsen-
" tatione alicujus Capellani, sive Personæ, ad dictam
" ecclesiam, per nos, vel successores nostros, in ea parte
" facienda, tenore præsentium, [2] in perpetuum exclu-
" dentes. Et si fructus, redditus, proventus, et emo-
" lumenta, ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentia et spec-
" tantia, ad summam octo marcarum annuatim se non
" extendant, tunc dictæ villæ Major et Burgenses sup-
" pletionem octo marcarum prædicto hujusmodi Capel-
" lano, sive Personæ, sic nominatæ et præsentatæ, de
" bonis suis propriis, dabunt; jure, dignitate, et con-
" suetudinibus aliis, necnon quadam annua pensione
" duorum solidorum Prioratui nostro Sancti [3] Nicolai, in
" Pembrochia, ab eadem ecclesia debita, et annuatim per-
" solvenda, in omnibus semper salvis. Ulterius, dedimus
" et concessimus, ac, quantum in nobis est, per præsen-
" tes, damus et concedimus, eisdem Majori et Burgen-
" sibus, et successoribus suis [2] in perpetuum, liberam
" dispositionem et donationem Domus, sive Heremitorii,
" Sancti Danielis, juxta Pembrochiam, cum omnibus et
" singulis terris, proficuis, oblationibus, et emolumentis,
" quibuscunque, spectantibus sive pertinentibus, ut ipsi
" disponant ea ad usum pauperum. Et non licebit hu-
" jusmodi Majoribus, nec Burgensibus prædictis, Domum,
" sive Heremitorium, nec aliquam partem eidem perti-

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[1] *Diocesano* in MS.
[2] *imperpetuum* in MS.
[3] *Nicholai* in MS.

" nentem, ad aliquem alium usum applicare, nisi [1] so-
" lummodo pro Heremita, sub pœna amissionis disposi-
" tionis et donationis ejusdem. In cujus rei testimo-
" nium, tam sigillum nostrum commune, quam sigillum
" commune villæ prædictæ, præsentibus indenturis
" alternatim sunt appensa. Data in Domo Capitulari
" Monasterii prædicti, *et cætera.*"

Collatio Rectoriæ [*de*] *Anglo.*

Presentation to the Rectory of Angle, in South Wales. A.D. 1446.

" [2] Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas exempti Mo-
" nasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
" Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis, Reverendo viro, Vicario Ge-
" nerali, sive Custodi Spiritualitatum, Ecclesiæ et Epi-
" scopatus Menevensis, omnimodam reverentiam, debito
" cum honore. Ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de Anglo,
" dictæ Menevensis [3] Diœcesis, vacantem, et ad nostram
" præsentationem, ratione Prioratus Sancti [4] Nicolai de
" Pembroke, nobis et dicto nostro monasterio appro-
" priati et uniti, notorie spectantem, dilectum nobis in
" Christo, Resum Philip, [5] presbyterum, in Decretis Ba-
" cularium, vobis præsentamus; humiliter supplicantes,
" et devote, quatinus dictum Resum ad dictam eccle-
" siam admittere, ipsumque Rectorem instituere [6] in
" eadem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis,
" cætera aliaque peragere, quæ vestro in hac parte in-
" cumbunt officio, dignemini, cum favore; annuali pen-
" sione nobis, et dicto nostro monasterio, ratione Prio-
" ratus prædicti, ab eadem ecclesia de Anglo debita et
" consueta, in omnibus semper salva. In cujus rei
" testimonium, sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi præ-
" sentibus. Data in dicto nostro monasterio, vicesimo

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[1] *solomodo* in MS.

[2] This document, belonging to the time of Abbot John Stoke, is inserted in a different hand from the writing in general.

[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

[4] *Nicholai* in MS.

[5] *presbiterum* in MS.

[6] *ca*, with *ce* written above it, precedes this word in MS.

" die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo quad- A.D. 1446.
" ringentesimo quadragesimo sexto."

Sandrudge.

Gift of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Sandrudge. A.D. 1485.

Memorandum, quod mensis Aprilis die quarto-decimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo quinto, Dominus Abbas concessit Domino Johanni Lenarde, Capellano, Vicariam perpetuam Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Sandrudge, cum primo et proximo vacare contigerit, post datam præsentium, aut per resignationem, compositionem, dimissionem, seu mortem, Domini Gilberti Lancastre, Vicarii ibidem. Teste, Domino Thoma Sudbury, [1] Eleemosynario Monasterii Sancti Albani.

Sarette.

Gift of the Vicarage of Sarette, vacant through apostasy. A.D. 1485.

Mensis Maii die vicesimo quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo quinto, Dominus Abbas dedit Vicariam de Sarette Domino Johanni Jubbe, Capellano, vacantem per privationem, a Dompno Thoma Hemyngforth, fratre Ordinis Fratrum Heremitarum Sancti Augustini, causa apostasiæ *et cætera.*

Concordia facta per Dominum Abbatem inter Priorem de Tynemutha et Priorem de Bynham.

A reconciliation made, through the Abbot, between Nicholas Boston, Prior of Tynemouth, and

Memorandum, quod duodecimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo quinto, et [2] anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi primo, Dominus Willelmus Walingford, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, pro diversis causis et materiis inter Dompnum [3] Nicolaum Boston, Priorem de Tynemutha, et Dompnum Willelmum Dixwelle, Priorem de Bynham,

[1] *Elemosinario* in MS.
[2] Repeated in MS.
[3] *Nicholaum* in MS.

A.D. 1485. William Dixwelle, Prior of Bynham.

emergentibus, finalem concordiam fecit, Et quod neuter ipsorum ab hora dictæ concordiæ per se [1] in posterum, vel alios quoscunque, quacunque ex causa, alterum ipsorum inquietaret, seu vexaret, uterque illorum sacramentum præstitit corporale, tactis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliis; et hoc, sub pœna perjurii, et etiam privationis Prioratus, Prioris alterum sic vexantis, seu inquietantis.

Quod quidem juramentum sponte, libere, et absolute, præstitum et factum fuerat in manerio apud Titenhangre, mense, die, et anno, prædictis, coram Domino Abbate supradicto, Dompno Thoma Newlond, dicti monasterii Priore, Dompno Johanne Rothebury, Archidiacono monasterii prædicti, Dompno Willelmo Lychefeld, ejusdem monasterii [2] Magistro Novæ Ordinationis, et in præsentia aliorum confratrum ejusdem monasterii, adtunc ibidem existentium, ad testimonium perhibendum de præmissis vocatorum, et specialiter requisitorum.

Promissum Prioris de Bynham, factum coram Domino Abbate, ad solvendum omnia debita Prioratus de Tynemutha, pro tempore quo ipse stetit Prior ibidem.

Promise made by the Prior of Bynham, to discharge the debts incurred by the Priory of Tynemouth, during the time he was Prior thereof. [In English].

"Be it remembrid that I, William Dyxwelle, Priour "of Bynham, in the Counte of Northfolk, haue pro- "mysid affornthe Reuerend Fader in God, my sove- "ren, and Abbot of Seint Albons, that I shall discharge "my worshipfulle broder in God, [3] Dampne Nycholas "Bostone, Priour of Tynemouthe, ayenst alle maner of "parsouns claymyng any duyte for any maner of "dette owyng unto vnto them while I was Priour of "Tynemouth affornsaid. In witness wherof, I haue "writone this remembraunce with mye owne hande, "and set therto my seale, afforn my fornsaid soueren "and Abbot, in his manovr att Tytenhangre, in the

[1] *imposterum* in MS.

[2] See Amundesham, Vol. I., pp. 279, 281.

[3] For the more general form "Dan," as derived from "*Dominus*," and applied to ecclesiastics.

" *Counte of Hertford, the* xvii. *day of the moneth of* A.D. 1485.
" *Marche, in the secunde yere of King Richard the*
" *Third, and in the yere of Christ* [1] MCCCCLXXXIIII."

Istud memorandum, de manu Prioris factum, et sigillo suo sigillatum, remanet cum Priore Bostone de Tynemutha. The document, in the hands of the Prior of Tynemouth.

Vicaria Sancti Petri villæ Sancti Albani.

Mensis Februarii die decimo septimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo [2] quinto, data fuit Vicaria Sancti Petri, infra villam Sancti Albani, Domino Johanni Mymme, Capellano, per liberam resignationem Domini Johannis Maynwaying; salva annua pensione octo marcarum. Gift of the Vicarage of St. Peter's, at St. Alban's. A.D. 1486.

Resignatio Rectoriæ de Brantfelde.

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum in-
" strumentum cunctis appareat evidenter, quod anno
" Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tertio,
" Indictione prima, Pontificatus Sanctissimi in Christo
" Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Sixti, divina Pro-
" videntia, Papæ, Quarti, anno duodecimo, mensis vero
" Maii die quinto-decimo, in aula domus habitationis
" mei, Johannis Bevile, Notarii Publici, infra Parochiam
" Sanctæ Fidis Virginis, civitate Londoniarum, situati,
" meique, ejusdem Johannis Bevile, Notarii Publici
" subscripti, ac testium inferius subscriptorum, præsentia,
" constitutus personaliter, discretus vir, Dominus Jo-
" hannes Barnham, Capellanus, ac Rector, ut asseruit,
" Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Brantfeld, Lincolniensis [3] Diœ-
" cesis, quasdam resignationem et dimissionem, simul
" in scriptis redactas, tunc et ibidem fecit, legit, et

Attestation, by a Notary Public, of the resignation of the Rectory of Brantfelde. A.D. 1483.

[1] A.D. 1485, according to the present computation.

[2] A.D. 1486.

[3] *Diocesis* in MS.

A.D. 1483. " interposuit, dictamque ecclesiam parochialem de Brant-
" feld prædicta, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis uni-
" versis, sub modo et forma infrascriptis, resignavit et
" dimisit, et cætera fecit et exercuit, prout in quadam
" [1] papyri scedula, quam tunc in manibus suis tenuit,
" et ibidem perlegit, plenius continebatur; cujus qui-
" dem scedulæ tenor talis est :—

Form of the said resignation. " 'In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, [2] authentica
" persona, et testibus fidedignis hic præsentibus, ego,
" Johannes Barnham, Capellanus, et Rector Ecclesiæ
" Parochialis de Brantfeld, Lincolniensis [3] Diœcesis,
" volens ac [4] affectans, ex certis causis veris, rationa-
" bilibus, et [5] legitimis, me et animum meum in hac
" parte moventibus, ab onere, cura, et regimine, dictæ
" ecclesiæ meæ penitus exui et exonerari, eandem
" ecclesiam in sacras manus Reverendi in Christo
" Patris et Domini, Domini Johannis, Dei gratia,
" Lincolniensis Episcopi, aut alterius cujuscunque hanc
" resignationem admittendi habentis potestatem, non
" [6] coactus, non compulsus, [7] sed mea ex libera et spon-
" tanea voluntate, pure, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute,
" resigno, ac etiam re et verbo dimitto, cum suis
" juribus et pertinentiis universis, eidemque, ac omni-
" bus juri, titulo, et possessioni, quod, quem, et quam,
" habui, et habeo, in eadem, cedo et renuncio, ac ab
" eisdem recedo totaliter in hiis scriptis.'

" Super quibus dictus resignans me, Notarium Pub-
" licum subscriptum, sibi unum, vel plura, publicum, vel
" publica, instrumentum, vel instrumenta, conficere requi-
" sivit. Acta fuerunt hæc omnia singula, prout supra
" scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno Domini, Indictione,
" Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prædictis; præsentibus

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[1] *papiri* in MS.
[2] *autentica* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *effectans* in MS.
[5] *legittimis* in MS.
[6] *choactus* in MS.
[7] *set* in MS.

" tunc ibidem discretis viris, Magistris Thoma Cham- A.D. 1483.
" berleyne, Notario Publico, et Johanne Fenkylle, Lit-
" terato, Londoniis commorantibus, testibus ad præmissa
" vocatis specialiter, et rogatis."

" Ac ego, Johannes Bevile, clericus Londoniensis, Pub-
" licus, auctoritate Apostolica, Notarius, quia recog-
" nitis resignationi, dimissioni, cessioni, et renunciationi,
" cæterisque præmissis, omnibus et singulis, dum sic, ut
" præmittitur, sub anno Domini, Indictione, Pontificatu,
" mense, die, et loco, prædictis, agebantur et fiebant,
" una cum prænominatis testibus, præsens personaliter
" interfui, ea omnia et singula sic fieri vidi, et audivi;
" ideo hoc præsens publicum instrumentum, manu aliena,
" me aliunde [1] occupato, fideliter scriptum, inde confeci,
" subscripsi, publicavi, et in hanc publicam formam
" redegi, signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis
" signavi, rogatus et requisitus, in fidem et testimonium
" omnium et singulorum præmissorum."

Forma certificationis in casu quando aliquis inferior Dominus remisit Curiam suam Domino Regi.

Certificate of remission by the Abbot of St. Alban's of his own Court, for the impleading of his tenants, in favour of the Court of the King's Bench. A.D. 1486.

" Excellentissimo Principi et Domino, Henrico, Dei
" gratia, Regi Angliæ et Franciæ, et Domino Hiberniæ,
" Willelmus, eadem gratia, Abbas Monasterii Sancti
" Albani, salutem in Eo, per Quem reges regnant, et
" principes dominantur. Quia Johannes Fissher et
" Thomas Kebbyle in Curia vestra, coram Justiciariis
" vestris de Banco, per Breve vestrum de Recto, Ra-
" dulphum Knyftone, Ranulfum Byllingtone, Johannem
" Harries, et Thomam Ewelowe, de uno messuagio, uno
" gardino, una acra terræ, et quatuor solidatis reddi-
" tus, cum pertinentiis, in villa de Sancto Albano, quod
" de nobis tenetur, nostra licentia mediante, proponunt

[1] *occupatum* in MS.

A.D. 1486. " implicitare, vestræ [1] Celsitudini Regiæ, tenore præsen-
" tium, intimamus, nos Curiam nostram vobis inde hac
" vice remisisse; salvo nobis alias jure dominii nostri,
" cum acciderit, in casu consimili. In cujus rei testi-
" monium, has litteras nostras fecimus patentes. Data
" in monasterio nostro prædicto, septimo-decimo die
" Aprilis, anno regni vestri primo, [2] [anno] millesimo
" quadringentesimo octogesimo sexto."

To my right worshipfulle and good Lord, my Lord [3] *Ruggemond Grey.*

A Letter from the Abbot of St. Alban's to Lord Ruggemond Grey, in support of a poor tenant of his, oppressed by Thomas Pecok. [In English].

" *Ryght worshipfulle and my good Lorde, after*
" *especialle and entier desire of knowlache of your*
" *prosperite and welfare. How be it that as I know*
" *for certenne, ye that be so gretely approued, rap-*
" *portid, and knowen, in policy, worship, and lordely*
" *behauyre, wole not entende to any mannys request,*
" *suggestion, nor praier, bi the whiche the auctorite,*
" *reputation, and prerogatif of right shuld mow be*
" *supprisid, lassid, or hindrid, to the lette or forbar-*
" *ring the law of her comyne cours,—neuertheles, I haue*
" *in knowlach how that ye haue, and yet be, aduer-*
" *tisid and laborid by synystre relacion to yeue the*
" *support of your Lordeship vnto oone Thomas Pecok,*
" *which is in ful purpose to remoue a pore terre-*
" *tenent of myen from siche land as by comune cours*
" *of law he occupieth of me by copy in Redborne;*
" *whiche my said terretenent, with a Jantilman of*
" *myen, bringer of thees, I send at this tyme vnto*
" *your good Lordship, entierly beseching the ssame to*
" *yeue of your plesaunce vnto him, for my behalf, cre-*
" *dence in this matier, whiche concernyth not only my*
" *person behest, but also the due right of my chyrche;*
" *whiche, and of euery chirch, eche true Christien soule*

[1] *Celcitudini* in MS.
[2] Omitted in MS.
[3] Lord Reginald Grey de Wilton (died A.D. 1495) is probably meant.

" owith of duyte in right to support, [1] mauntene, and
" upholde. And that knowith our best Lorde, who for
" His grete mercy preserue you, my ryghte good Lorde,
" aftir His plesir. From Seint Albons—et cætera."

A Supplicacione maade unto the Kynge, for a pardone for thescape of certens prysoners eschapid owte of the Gayle of Seint Albons.

Petition to the King, by the Abbot and Convent of St. Alban's, for a general pardon for the escape of prisoners from the Goal of St. Alban's. [In English].

" Besechen mekely your humble and contynuelle ora-
" tours, thabbot and Conuent of your Monasteri of
" Seint Albon.—That it lyke your Hieghnes, of your
" most noble and benyngne grace, forto pardone, re-
" mytte, and releese, vnto theyme, by what name so
" euer they be callid, alle maner escapis and euasions
" of prisoners, that in any wise haue escapid out of
" the Gayle of the ssaid Abbot and Conuente in the
" towne of Seint Albones, affor the Feest of Seint
" Nycholas last passid: and al maner fynes, paynes
" of monee, and forfaictours, that partayne, or shal
" mow appertayne, vnto you by raysone of the ssaid
" escapis and euasiones; and al that the ssaid Ab-
" bot and Convent ow to do or yeld vnto you for the
" ssame. And also, al maner actiones and demaundes
" that ye haue or shal mow haue therof, ayenst theym
" or theyr successours. So that they be nat hereaftir
" inquyeted, vexid, nor troublyd, for the ssaid escapis
" and euasions by you, by your Heighnes Justises,
" Eschetours, Sheryffis, Coroners, Baylyfs, or mynysters,
" in any wyse, that the ssame escapis and euasions
" be nat heryn specified; and any Statute, Acte, or
" Ordynaunce, maad, ordeyned, or prouyded, natwith-
" standyng. And your said oratours shal specially
" pray to God for the preseruatione of your Hieghnes,
" and most noble estate."

[1] This word is doubtful.

Rectoria de Angulo, in South Wallia.

A.D. 1487. Presentation to the Rectory of Angle, in South Wales.

Mensis Martii die tertia, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo [1] sexto, præsentatio facta fuit Domino [2] Hugoni, Menevensi Episcopo, pro Domino Roberto Smyth, admittendo ad Rectoriam de Angulo, in Comitatu Pembrochiæ; salva annua pensione viginti trium solidorum, Prioratui Sancti [3] Nicolai ibidem annuatim persolvenda: qui quidem Dominus Robertus fuit Vicarius de Redborn, *et cætera.* — [4] Pensio octo solidorum.

Nominatio Vicariæ de Redborn.

Gift of the next presentation to the Vicarage of Redborne; and withdrawal thereof, in favour of the cousin of Thomas Shenckwyne.

Mensis Martii die tertia, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo [1] sexto, post resignationem Domini Roberti Smyth, nuper Vicarii de Redborne, Dominus Abbas contulit Gervasio Buclond nominationem dictæ vicariæ, secundum vim et formam aliarum donationum consimilium, mutatis mutandis, prout habetur in præcedentibus *et cætera.* Attamen, ad instantiam et requisitionem Magistri Thomæ Shenckwyne, Officialis Monasterii, postmodo data fuit dicta Vicaria consanguineo suo; ut [5] patet in folio sequenti.

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[1] A.D. 1487, according to the modern mode of reckoning.

[2] Hugh Pavy, or Parry.

[3] *Nicholai* in MS.

[4] *Pentio* in MS. This addition is in another hand.

[5] See p. 286, where the presentation of Owen Chaplain to the Vicarage is mentioned.

[1] *A Prouysion made for the Spirituelte in the Furste Parliament of Kyng Herry the* viithe, *holden at Westmystre in the furst of his reigne, in there of our Lord* [2] MCCCCLXXXVI.

A.D. 1485. Proviso made in favour of the Clergy of England, in the Act of Resumption, passed in the First Year of King Henry the Seventh. [In English.]

" *Prouyded alwey, that noder this Acte and Ordi-*
" *naunce, noder annoder Acte, Ordinaunce, or Statute,*
" *made or to be made in this present Parlament, ex-*
" *tende to the hurt or prejudice, nor in any wise*
" *be hurting or preiudicialle, vnto any Archebisshop*
" *or his successours; or to any Archebisshop, Chaptre,*
" *or Conuent, and theyr successours; or to any Bisshop*
" *or his successours; or to any Bisshop, Chaptre, or*
" *Conuent, and ther successours; or to any Abbot and*
" *Conuent, and ther successours; or vnto any Priour*
" *and Conuent, and ther successours; or vnto any Uni-*
" *uersite; or to any Chaunceler and scolers of any*
" *Uniuersite, and ther successours; or to any maister*
" *or brederne, and ther successours; kepar, or warden,*
" *and brethern, and ther successours; maister, or kepar,*
" *or warden, and bredern, and ther successours; kepar,*
" *or deane, and chanons, or chapitris, of cathedralle*
" *chirchis, or of any oder chirche or chapelle collegiat,*
" *and ther successours; or to any soueren maister,*
" *mynysterer, hede, or governoure, of any honse of*
" *religion, and ther successours; or to any chanons,*
" *vicars, or any oder mynystris of any cathedralle*
" *chirch, or any oder collegiat chirche incorporate, and*
" *ther successours; or to any dene of any chyrche or*
" *chapelle collegiat, or to any deane* [3] *or chapiter of*
" *churche or chapelle collegiat, and ther successours;*

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[1] This Proviso, contained in the Act of Resumption, 1st Henry VII., is printed in the *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, Vol. vi., p. 337., but in a wholly different dialect.

[2] 1485 is the correct date.

[3] "*and*" in *Rot. Parl.*

A.D. 1485. " *or to any deane and chanons, or deane and col-*
" *lege, of any chirche or chapelle, and ther successours;*
" *chaunter, collage, and ther successours; sexten and*
" *collage, and ther successours; kepar,* [1] *or warden, and*
" *collage, and ther successours; or to any warden and*
" *collage, and ther successours; warden and ffelous,*
" *and ther successours; warden, ffelous, and scolers,*
" *and ther successours; kepar, or maister, and felous,*
" *or scolers, and ther successours; kepar, or maister,*
" *and scolers, and ther successours; warden and scolers,*
" *and ther successours; warden, scolers, and chapelenes,*
" *and ther successours; prouost and chanones, and ther*
" *successours; provost and felows, and ther successours;*
" [2] *provoste and college, and ther successours; prouost*
" *and scolers, and ther successours; maister and ffelows*
" *and ther successours; prouost, ffelous, and scolers,*
" *and ther successours; maister, or provost, and chape-*
" *lens, and ther successours; maister, or provost, and*
" *ffelous, and there successours; maister, or provost,*
" *felous, or chapelens, and ther successours; or to any*
" *of them and ther successours;* [3] *maisters and chape-*
" *lens, and ther successours; maister and prouost, and*
" *chapelens, and ther successours; rector, fclous, and*
" *scolers, and ther successours; president and chapter*
" *of any colage, and ther successours; or chapiter of*
" *collage of any chirche, and ther successours;* [4] *pre-*
" *sident and scolers, hede* [1] *or gouernour of any col-*
" *lage, halle, hospitalle, house incorporat, or any oder*
" *place, and ther successours; maister, and breder and*
" *sistren, of any hospitalle, and theyr successours;*
" *kepar and bredern of hospitalls, and ther succes-*
" *sours; maister, priour, or kepar, and brethern, of*

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[1] " *and*" in *Rot. Parl.*

[2] This class is repeated three times, in the MS., by inadvertence.

[3] The words " *Maister or Provost,* " *Felowes and Chapeleynes, and their* " *successors,*" are omitted here, according to the *Rot. Parl.*

[4] The words "*President and scollers,* " *and their successours,*" are omitted here, according to the *Rot. Parl.*

" *any hospitalle, and ther successours; mynystris and* A.D. 1485.
" *breder, and ther successours; parsones, kepar, gouer-*
" *nour, or soverayne, of* [1] *vicars, and* [1] *vicars within*
" *any cathedrall chirch, and ther successours; vicars,*
" *chauntry preestis, wardens, and ther successours; nor*
" *to any of the above rehersed; nor to any parsone*
" *or parsonis spirituellis, by whatsoever name thei, or*
" *any of them, be callid or namyd; or to any yefte or*
" *graunte, confirmacion, declaracion, concession, dona-*
" *cion, unyon, annexion, incorporacion, consolidacion,*
" *or approbacion, releses,* [2] *acceptacions or approbacions*
" *of any priuileges, libertees, ffraunchees, ffeyris, or*
" *markettis, immunytees, landis, tenementes, rentes,*
" *revercions, issues, profites, amerciamentes, and fines,*
" *lordships, manoyrs, services, knyghtis ffees, Priories*
" *aliens, possessions aliens, parsonages or chirchis*
" *aliene, or oder possessions spirituelle or temporelle,*
" *whiche they, or any of them, had the* iiiith *day of*
" *Nouember last past, with thappurtinaunces; advou-*
" *sons, vacacions of churchis, vicaries, chapells, chaun-*
" *tries, hospitals,* [3] *or oder beneficis of the churche,*
" *whatsoever thei be; prebendes of or in any castellis*
" *or any oder place, ffre chapelle or chapelles, corrodies,*
" *porcions or annuitees, wardes, maryages, releves, or*
" *to any oder thingis; or to any lyverey or lyverees,*
" *restitucion or restitucions of temporaltees, release or*
" *releasis, pardon or pardons, discharge or discharges,*
" *quyte clayme or quyte claymys, by vs, or by any*
" *of our progenytours or predecessours, to any of them*
" *and ther successours, or to any of ther successours,*
" *or ther successours, jointly or seuerally, vnder what-*
" *soever maner, wille, devise, or fforme, in any wise*
" *made, or by whatsoever tytille, name, or namys,*
" *they, or any of them, be namyd or callid, in any*

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[1] *vicaries* in *Rot. Parl.*
[2] *apceptacions* in MS.
[3] "*and*" in *Rot. Parl.*

A.D. 1485. " *willes, devisis, letters, or writing, theruppon made;*
" *nor to any licence or licencis, by vs or by any of*
" *our progenitours or predecessours grauntyd to them,*
" *or to any of them, ffor to ffounde and stablisshe any*
" *collage or collages, chauntry or chauntris, or to yeve*
" [1] *[in] mortmayne any landes, tenementis, rentis, ser-*
" *vices, revercions, avowsons of chirchis,* [2] *or to appro-*
" *pyre, receyue, and holde, in their proper vse any*
" *chirche or chirchis, chapelle or chapellis, by what*
" *so ever name or namys they, or any of them, be*
" *namyd or callid in any lettre or writing theruppon*
" *made; nor to any parson, vicar, preest, or clerk,*
" *having any benefice ecclesiast, or office, by way of*
" *election, presentacion, donacion, concession, collacion,*
" *confirmacion, or institucion, as to, and for, any sich*
" *benefice or office, nor to any graunte made by any*
" *of our progenitours or predecessours, by any of their*
" *lettres patentes, to chirchis or chapels, or to parsonnys*
" *and curatts of our towne of Caleys, or Counte and*
" *Lordship of Guysnes, and of our Marchis ther, or any*
" *of them, of any chirchis or chapellis to them belong-*
" *ing; but that alle the same parsons and curates of*
" *our said towne of Caleis, or Counte and Lordship*
" *of Guysnes, and* [3] *Lordship of our Marchis ther,*
" *may haue and perceyue, in the right and name of*
" *the ssaid chyrchis and chapells, alle maner tithis,*
" *predialle, personalle, and myxt, within the ffynys*
" *and lymytes of theyre parisshis; any acte, proui-*
" *sione, restitucion, or restraynte of prouision* [1] *made*
" *upon any acte of restitucion, ordinaunce, or statute,*
" *made or to be maade, any generalite of termys, or*
" *oder matier or thing contrary, notwithstanding. So*

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[1] Omitted in MS.

[2] " *or other possessions, whatsoever they may be, or to receyve and hold in mortmain any lands, tenementes, rents, services, reversions, or advousons of churches.*" Supplied from *Rot. Parl.*

[3] This word is omitted in *Rot. Parl.*

" *that the ssaid prouision be not avayleable to any* A.D. 1485.
" *licence, graunte, or grauntis, made by Richard the*
" iiii^de, *late in dede, and not in right, King of Eng-*
" *lande, oder then sich as be pruided in the ssame*
" *Act of Resumption. And also, that the ssaid pro-*
" *uision be not availeable to* [1] *Robert Bisshop of Bathe*
" *and of Wellys, as for the Deanery of Seint Martyns*
" *le Graunt, in Londone, or to any parsone or par-*
" *sonys having prebendes, chapellis, or oder benefices,*
" *the which haue be youen and engoied by the Lettres*
" *Patentes by the ssaid King Richard the* iii^d, *not*
" *requiring spirituall institucion and induction. So*
" *alwey, that this prouision be not avayleable or bene-*
" *ficialle to the parsonys afornamyd, or any of them,*
" *in, to, or for, enything to theym, or any of them,*
" *grauntid, relesid, or confermyd, the which shuld, by*
" *resoune of the ssaid graunte,* [2] *relese, or confirmacion,*
" *grow to the heyris of* [3] *any of them, and not to ther*
" *successours; or wherof they, or any of them, be* [4] *seasid,*
" *or haue to ther owne vse, and in right of themself,*
" *during their lyf or lyfes, or terme of yeris.*

" *Prouided alwey, that this Acte of resumpcion, pro-*
" *uision, or this Acte of Prouiso made for the Spiri-*
" *tualte, be not in any wise hurtfulle or preiudicialle*
" *to Thomas, Erle Ormonde, of, for, and vppon, any*
" *castellis, manoirs, londis, tenementis, advousons, and*
" *oder hereditamentis, whatsoeuer they be, to whiche he,*
" *as heyre to Jamys, late Erle of Wiltes, and John his*
" *broder, or to either of them, was restorid vnto by*
" *Acte made in this present Parlament; and that the*
" *ssame Thomas, Erle Ormonde, haue, holde, and en-*
" *goie, alle castells, manoyrs, landis, tenementis, avou-*
" *sons, and oder hereditamentis to hym and to his*
" *heyris, according vnto the tenour and effecte of the*

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[1] Robert Stillington.
[2] "*plese*" in MS.; corrected from *Rot. Parl.*
[3] "*them or any*" in *Rot. Parl.*
[4] "*easid*" in MS.

A.D. 1485. " *ssame Acte of Restitucion, as if this present Acte of* " *Resumpcion, or this seid Prouiso, made for the Spi-* " *ritualte, had never be had nor made.*"

Gift of the Vicarage of Redborn to Owen Chaplain. A.D. 1487.

Mensis Maii die quinto, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo septimo, data fuit Vicaria de Redborn Domino Audoeno Capellano, vacans per liberam resignationem Domini Roberti Smyth, ultimi adtunc Vicarii ibidem; salva annua pensione quinquaginta solidorum.

Codicote.

Gift of the Vicarage of Codicote. A.D. 1487.

Mensis Maii die decimo-nono, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo septimo, data fuit Vicaria de Codicote Magistro Thomæ Meyke, [1] presbytero; vacans per mortem Domini Johannis Hardyng, immediate vicarii ibidem.

Brantfelde.

Formal presentation, by the Abbot of St. Alban's, to the Rectory of Brantfelde. A.D. 1487.

" Reverendo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino " Johanni, divina miseratione, Lincolniensi Episcopo, " vester humilis et devotus, Willelmus, Abbas exempti " Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, " dictæ vestræ [2] Diœcesis, omnimodas reverentias et " honores, tanto patri debitas, cum honore. Ad Rec- " toriam, sive Ecclesiam Parochialem, de Brantfelde, " dictæ vestræ [2] Diœcesis, et mei patronatus, per mor- " tem Domini Rogeri Newbolde, ultimi Rectoris et " incumbentis ibidem, vacantem, et ad meam præsen- " tationem, pleno jure, spectantem, dilectum [3] mihi in " Christo, Dominum Willelmum Hynckerselle, Capel-

[1] *presbitero* in MS.
[2] *Diocesis* in MS.
[3] *michi* in MS.

" lanum, Paternitati vestræ Reverendæ præsento; sup- A.D. 1487.
" plicans humiliter et devote, quatinus eundem Domi-
" num Ricardum Hinckersell admittere, ac ipsum
" Rectorem in eadem instituere, cum suis juribus et
" pertinentiis universis, cæteraque omnia peragere quæ
" vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio pastorali, dig-
" nemini gratiose; jure, dignitate, et consuetudinibus,
" monasterii mei antedicti, necnon quadam annua pen-
" sione duorum solidorum, [1] mihi et dicto meo monas-
" terio ab eadem rectoria, sive ecclesia, debita et con-
" sueta, in omnibus semper salvis. Data in dicto
" monasterio meo, sub sigillo meo, mensis Julii die
" vicesimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
" octogesimo septimo."

Licentia concessa Archidiacono Monasterii Sancti Albani, ad visitandum limina Apostolorum.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum Leave granted to the Archdeacon of St. Alban's to visit the Court of Rome, and other places, on pilgrimage; he to expedite certain business of the Abbey of St. Alban's, at Rome.
" pervenerit, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas ex-
" empti Monasterii Sancti Albani, Anglorum [2] Proto-
" martyris, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis
" Diœcesis, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Nove-
" rit universitas vestra, quod dilectum confratrem et
" commonachum nostrum, Dompnum Johannem Rothe-
" bury, jurisdictionis nostræ exemptæ Archidiaconum,
" in dicto nostro monasterio professum, non excommu-
" nicatum, non apostasiæ nec alio crimine irretitum,
" [3] sed bene morigeratum, et in congregatione nostra
" laudabiliter conversatum, pro negotiis suis duntaxat
" animam suam [4] tangentibus, limina Apostolorum Petri
" et Pauli, ac alia loca sancta, peregrinationis causa,
" visitandum et expediendum, ad dicta loca transire
" licentiamus, sic quod quam [5] cito [6] commode poterit,

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[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *Prothomartiris* in MS.
[3] *set* in MS.
[4] *tagentibus* in MS.
[5] *scito* in MS.
[6] *comode* in MS.

A.D. 1487. " ad dictum nostrum monasterium reveniat; dantes et
" concedentes eidem Dompno Johanni Rothebury po-
" testatem nostram, ac mandatum generale et speciale,
" vice et nomine nostris, limina Apostolorum supra-
" dicta visitandi, prout nos ex debito tenemur; re-
" scripta, indulta, privilegia, et indulgentias, cæteraque
" omnia et singula, faciendum, prosequendum, et expe-
" diendum, ibidem, quæ dicto monasterio nostro fuerint
" necessaria, seu quomodolibet [1] opportuna: ratum et
" gratum habentes, et habituri, quicquid et totum idem
" Dominus Johannes Rothebury, ad utilitatem dicti
" nostri monasterii, ut supra dicitur, fecerit in præmis-
" sis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum
" præsentibus apponi mandavimus. Data in Monasterio
" de Sancto Albano prædicto, quinto-decimo die mensis
" Aprilis, anno Incarnationis Dominicæ, secundum cur-
" sum et computationem regni Angliæ, millesimo quad-
" ringentesimo octogesimo septimo."

Istæ sunt instructiones pro causis Domini Abbatis, in Curia Romana, per Dompnum Archidiaconum antedictum expediendis.

Instructions as to matters to be expedited by the Archdeacon, at the Roman Court.

Prima,—ut ordinatio facta per præfatum Venerabilem Patrem, in ecclesia sua, de et super Missa in honore nominis Jhesu perpetuo celebranda, [2] stabiliatur per [3] Romanum Pontificem, et confirmetur; cum appositione pœnarum in quoscunque volentes in futuro dictam ordinationem [4] infringere, seu violare.

Secunda,—ut fiat interpretatio super ista censura, in quamplurimis Billis contenta,—Ut extendat se ad non-solutionem procurationum Domini Episcopi Lincolniensis, per Bullam quæ dicitur,—" Perinde valere *et cætera.*"

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[1] *oportuna* in MS.
[2] *stabiletur* in MS.
[3] *Romanm* in MS.
[4] *infringe* in MS.

Tertia, — ut interpretetur Rescriptum Apostolicum pro decimis terrarum dominii de Faveley in parochia de Lutone, in manibus [1] laicorum existentibus. A.D. 1487.

Quarta,—ut fiat declaratio super exemptione dicti monasterii, ut poterit appellari ad Curiam de Arcubus.

Quinta,—ut Domino Abbati, qui nunc est, et omnibus futuris successoribus suis, liceat fratribus dicti monasterii sui, et Cellarum suarum, sacros ordines conferre; et, si in bono foro poterit [2] obtinere, omnibus sæcularibus infra jurisdictionem suam commorantibus, minores et sacros accipere volentibus.

Sexta,—ut liceat Domino Abbati, qui nunc est, et successoribus suis, omnes pueros, infra dictam jurisdictionem suam natos, confirmare.

[3] Memorandum, quod undecimo die mensis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo septimo, Dompnus Johannes Rothebury, Archidiaconus antedictus, veniebat a Curia Romana usque Titenhangre; et [4] nihil impetravit ibidem a Summo Pontifice de materiis suprascriptis; quia neque Cardinales neque [5] Pontifici volebant præbere [6] consensum supplicationibus præscriptis *et cætera;* quia dixerunt quod Abbas tunc esset ut Episcopus, habens omnia jura pontificalia, et ideo *et cætera.* Return of the Archdeacon from the Court of Rome; having been unsuccessful in his mission.

[7] *Brantfeld.*

Mensis Decembris die vicesimo, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo septimo, Dominus Abbas præsentavit Domino Johanni, Lincolniensi Epi- Presentation to the Rectory of Brantfelde.

[1] *leicorum* in MS.
[2] *optinere* in MS.
[3] A hand is drawn in the margin, to call attention to this entry.
[4] *nichil* in MS.
[5] Sic in MS., probably meaning "Bishops,"—*Pontifices.*
[6] *concensum* in MS.
[7] The first two letters are torn away.

A.D. 1487. scopo, Dominum Robertum Rownyng, Capellanum, admittendum ad Rectoriam de Branfelde, per liberam resignationem Domini Willelmi Hynkerselle; salva annua pensione duorum solidorum, *et cætera.*

Resignatio Vicarii [1] *[de] Shephale.*

Formal resignation of the Vicarage of Shepehale. A.D. 1488.

"In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, Venerabili "Domino et Patre, Domino Willelmo, divina misera-"tione, Abbate exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani, et "testibus hic præsentibus, ego, Dominus Johannes "Alanson, Vicarius Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Shepehale, "volens et affectans, certis [2] legitimis causis me ad hoc "moventibus, a cura et regimine dictæ Vicariæ meæ "penitus exui et [3] exonerari, dictam Vicariam meam "de Shepale, cum omnibus suis juribus, et pertinen-"tiis universis, in sacras manus vestras, pure, sponte, "et absolute, resigno, ab eademque Vicaria, cum omni-"bus suis juribus universis, recedo: supplicans eidem "paternitati vestræ, quatinus eandem resignationem "meam admittere dignetur vestra Reverentia, intuitu "caritatis. Coram hiis testibus, Domino Willelmo "Lichefeld, Capitali Capellano Domini Abbatis, Johanne "Nebury, Armigero, Secretario Domini Abbatis, Ra-"dulpho Gelebrond, Ciphifero dicti Domini Abbatis, et "Willelmo Blakeney, dicti Domini Abbatis Coquinæ "suæ Clerico, et aliis; mensis Augusti die vicesimo "septimo, [4] [anno] millesimo quadringentesimo octoge-"simo [5] octavo."

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[1] Torn away from the margin of the MS.

[2] *legittimis* in MS.

[3] *exhonerari* in MS.

[4] Omitted in MS.

[5] We thus see that Abbot William Walingforde was living in August 1488; though Newcome, in his *History of St. Alban's* (p. 399), with his usual inaccuracy, says that he died on the 8th of August 1484. In p. 159 *ante*, his rule is said to have lasted beyond eleven years (*ultra undecim annos*) from August 1476.

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[1] At least seven leaves of paper are torn out at the end of the volume: on the inner margin of the fragment left of the first are entered the greater part of three titles:—"[Litte]ræ dimissoriæ. Vicaria "Sancti Michaelis, juxta Sanctum "Albanum. Commissio in causa "matrimoniali et divortii . . . "aliis ca": a few meaningless words only of the context on the obverse and reverse of the leaf being left. The heads entered in the margin of the obverse of the second leaf are also three:—"Resignatio Domini Jo- "hannis Lenard, Vicarii de Abbot- "tis Walden. Abbotis Walden. "Licentia dimittendi dictam eccle- "siam ad firmam. Præfixio Thom "..in pr..By;" with, also, a few words of the context attached. The fragments of the other five leaves have only a few portions of words left. They are followed by a fragment of a leaf of parchment, which probably did not belong to the original book. On it, amid some meaningless scribbling, is written, in one handwriting:—"S. Newbury "erat constitutus clericus Abbatis "Johannis Whethamstede, Patris "venerabilis, Monasterii Sancti Al- "bani, anno MCCCCLIII^do, mensis Apri- "lis die XV^mo." In another hand:— "Newbury erat constitutus clericus "Abbatis Johannis Whethamstede." In another, and much later hand:— "Dompnus Michaell, Cancellarius "Domini Thomæ Ramrige, Abbatis, "et fuit constitutus anno Domini "MCCCCCXVIII^o, et in anno regni "Regis H. Octavi, nono, post Con- "quæstum." As to additional matter, inserted on the fly-leaves, see the Appendix (A.), p. 295.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX (A).

Additional Matter, inserted on the Fly-leaves of MS. Rawlinson B. 332.

The original contents of this volume, which are written upon a stout wire-wove paper, bearing the impress of two keys, are prefaced by a somewhat mutilated fly-leaf of parchment, (whether originally belonging to the volume, or not, it seems impossible now to say); the obverse of which is left blank, but the reverse is covered with scribblings in Latin and English, in various hands, of the 15th and 16th centuries.

The following is a transcript of them, in an extended form.—

Written in various hands of the 15th, or 16th, century.—

Anno milleno centeno septuageno,
Et decem decies, post partum Virginis almæ,
Tunc Antecristus regnabit [1] sanguine plenus.

Tres magistri gramaticales composuerunt hos versus subsequentes, de transitu et regressu [2] citulæ in fontem :—

1us.

Pondus binarum nectit funis citularum ;
Concava descendit, dum sursum solida tendit.

2us.

Hæ citulæ pendent patulæ, quarum vice prima
Dum redit ebria, pars sua sobria tendit ad yma.

[1] This word is almost wholly erased, and is somewhat doubtful.

[2] Classically, "*situlæ*."

[3us.]

En citulas ad aquas bibulas, quarum vice versa
Retrogradum petit una vadum, redit altera mersa.

Fama, fides, oculus, [1] nescit habere jocum.

Sub terrenis annis Baptistæ vita Johannis,
Mite colens heremo, memoravit in orbe supremo.

Judex cunctorum, culpis, pie, parce reorum,
Ne nos nostrorum perimat [2] vicio digna malorum.

Si servis ut vis, dabo quod volo, non dabo quod vis;
Ut volo si servis, non quod volo, set dabo quod vis.

Hiis proprietatibus bonus caseus debet carere:—
Non nix, non Argus, Mathusale, Magdala neque,
Non Esau, Lazarus; caseus ergo bonus.
Caseus insignis non est dandus, nisi dignis.

Dum vivis et bene stas, et sursum cornua gestas,
Non age res mœstas; brevis est humana potestas.

[3] Vix videas quæ tu jubeas, dum magnus haberis,
Et caveas ne forte ruas, dum stare puteris,

Ut vices caveas, vitiique suspicionem,
Semper adest tecum quod [4] verearis habere.

Boni versus sunt hii sequentes, ad sculpendum super crateram:—

Sum vas vinosum, vinum detestor aquosum,
Inter convivas; quia sum speciale meri vas.

Vina bibat mane, cerebrumque reformet inane,
Quem perfundit heri crapula multa meri.

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[1] This word is indistinct, and somewhat doubtful. The line seems to mean that reputation, good faith, and the eye, are not to be trifled with.

[2] Sic in MS., perhaps for "*visio*;" but the line defies the laws of Prosody.

[3] This word is somewhat doubtful.

[4] *variaris*, apparently, in MS.

Proprietates campanarum :—
Laudo Deum verum, plebem voco, congrego clerum,
Defunctos ploro, pestem fugo, festa decoro.

Vox est cunctorum defectus denariorum,
Gens non est læta, quia deficit ipsa moneta.

Semper vivit miser, qui non habet solvere.

Carmina laudantur, si munera multiplicantur,
Dummodo sit dives, barbarus ipse placet.

In terra nummus rex est hoc tempore summus,
Nummus honoratur, sine nummo nullus amatur.

Dum quid habere putor, solempni voce salutor,
Set re cessante, fit vox ferialis ut ant e

Hoc verbum, "Do," "das," facit amicitias.
"Accipe," "sume," "cape," sunt verba placentia Papæ.

Vocativos oculos, ablativos loculos, amant mulieres.
Si dativus fueris, quandocunque veneris, [1] genetivus eris.

Det [2] Jacobus Justus, et mater nobilis Anna,
Virtutum gustus, Pater excelsis et Osanna.

Stultus stultitiam monstrat ubique suam ;
Stultorum manus depingunt latera domus.

Vinum lacte lava, oleum liquore fabarum,
Encaustum vino ; cætera mundat aqua.

O quam discordant mens et facies mulierum ;
Mens est [3] viperia, facies pulcherima rerum.

Presbitero nati non possunt esse beati,
Sunt infelices, quia matres sunt meretrices.

Quæ sit origo viri, verbi, vinique, bonorum,
Non debet inquiri, bonitas nam sufficit horum.

[1] Sic in MS. These lines are written as though they formed two verses.

[2] Or James the Less, the Apostle.

[3] Sic in MS.

Stulto, claustrali, puero, viduæ, moniali,
Qui servit, plane dico, quod servit inane.

Inclinans monachus, mulier flens, cum cane claudo,
Amplexus militis, non vitupero, neque laudo.

Sum vas argenti [1] duo, bis do pocula genti,
Lætitiam menti, decus aulæ, pignus egenti.

[2] Istæ versus subscriptæ sunt subtus pedes Beatæ Mariæ apud [3] oralogium :—

[4] Isaias ait Jesse virga verbum dabit esse, atque vitam populo ;
De radice flos ascendet, fructum novum flos impendet, renovato sæculo.
Flos est Christus, Mater Dei virga, per quam surgunt rei de mortis periculo.

Isti versus sunt Romæ, in introitu Hospitalis Sancti Thomæ, scripti supra arma Regum Angliæ et Franciæ :—

Hæc duo conjuncta successus debita legi
Angliæ dant regi Francia, signa suo.

The following articles are written in various hands of the 16th, or 17th, century :—

Clericus auctores, mare nauta, Deus meliores,
Fur legit æs, flores virgo, viator iter.

Nexus ovem binam per spinam pendet equinam,
Læsus surgit equus, pendet utrumque pecus.
Adque molendinum portatur pondus ovinum,
Et spargendo focum, se cremat, atque locum.

Cum nil supererat, quis modo damna ferat ?

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[1] A vessel forming a silver cup at either end.

[2] Sic in MS., in the feminine.

[3] For "*Horologium*"; meaning, the Abbey clock.

[4] *Isaiah* xi. 1.

[1] *A God, and yet a man?*
A mayde, and yet a mother?
Witt wonders what witt can
Conceave this or the other.

A God, and can he die?
A dead man, can he live?
What witt can well replie?
What reason reason give?

God, truth itselfe, doth teach it;
Man's witt sincks too far under,
By reason's power to reach it;
Beleeve, and cease to wonder.

Abel. Cain.

Sacrum pingue dabo, nec macrum sacrificabo.

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[1] Four similar lines to these are attributed to Reginald Pecock, the deprived Bishop of Chichester in the reign of Henry VI. (A.D. 1459), in Gascoigne's *Theological Dictionary*, a MS. at Lincoln College Oxford, Vol. II. After his abjuration of his errors, he is there stated to have said,—

" Wyt hath wundur that reson
" not tel kan,
" How a Moder is Mayd, and
" God is Man.
" Leue resone, beleue the wun-
" der,
" Beleue hath mastry, and reson
" is under."

See Pecock's *Repressor of over much blaming of the Clergy*, edited by Professor Babington, in the present Series, Vol. I., Introd. p. liv., and Vol. II. p. 623.

APPENDIX (B).

An Account of Mondonus Belvaleti's (or Mundus Benvalet's) Catechismus Ordinis Periscelidis, from a Letter to Thomas Hearne by John Anstis, Esq., Garter Principal King of Arms.

[Extracted from Hearne's Edition ofOtterbourne's *Chronicle*, Vol. I. p. cxlii. For some account of this treatise, presented by a certain monk of Clugny to John Whethamstede, Abbot of St. Alban's, see Vol. I. of the *Registrum Abbatiæ Johannis Whethamstede Secundæ*, page 319, line 4 *et seq.*]

" Sir,

" In the Introduction to the Register of the Garter, " I thought it not amisse, upon two different occasions, " to refer to Mondonus Belvaleti, as he is named in " the printed booke, which bears this Title:—' *Cate-* " ' *chismus Ordinis Equitum Periscelidis Anglicanæ,* " ' *seu speculum Anglorum, Autore R. Dom. F.* " ' *Mondono Belvaleti, S. Theologiæ Professore, Ordi-* " ' *nis sui Cluniacensis Archidiacono, Pœnitentiario* " ' *Apostolico, et quondam ad Anglos Oratore, nunc* " ' *primum ex membranulis vetustissimis, plane regie* " ' *scriptis, pictisque, erutum, castigatum, et editum,* " ' *studio Fr. Philippi Bosquieri Cæsarimontani, Ord.* " ' *Minorum Reg. Obs. Prov. Flandriæ ad serenissi-* " ' *mum Angliæ, &c. Coloniæ Agrippinæ, apud Hen-* " ' *ricum Crithium, anno* MDCXXXI.' The Book thus " printed hath no Dedication or Preface to it, assign- " ing the age, wherein that Author lived, unlesse the " Copy, that I used, was imperfect; there is a Copy in

" the Bodleian Library, which you may consult, whe-
" ther any narrative of that nature be contained in it.

" The reason of my first reference to this Author
" was, upon the subject of the Antiquity of the present
" Collar of the Order composed of Garters, with the
" Image of St. George appending thereto; which hath
" been imagined to have been an emblem instituted by
" Edward 3, the Founder, not onely by our own Writers,
" but by Foreigners. Since I printed that Essay, I
" have read the Treatise of Theoph. Raynaud, styled
" '*S. Georgius Megalo-Martir, personalis et symbolicus,*'
" vol. 8, p. 352, who runs into the same mistake.—
" '*Quanquam ea additio* [*adhibitis nodis intertextas*
" '*rosas nectentibus*] *per Henricum, non est facta*
" '*quoad appensam S. Martyris imaginem, cujus*
" '*usurpatio est Ordini æquæva, &c.*' I endeavoured
" to prove, that though several of the Antient Knights
" of the Order had Collars, yet that those Collars were
" not any Symbol, or any way relative to the Order, but
" entirely distinct, and given to those Knights, as the
" Livery, Devise, or Badge, of our Monarchs, who fre-
" quently gave such Collars (as they themselves wore
" in their own persons) to foreign Princes' Embassadors,
" to Noblemen of this and foreign Realms, to their own
" Domestick Servants, to the Gentry who never had the
" Honour of the Garter, and also to Ladies, who were
" neither Consorts or Relicts of such Knights. Which
" Collars as Badges, Devises, or the Liverys, as they
" were termed, of the Crown, were varied in their
" figures or form by our Kings, as also in the mate-
" rials whereof they were made, and likewise in their
" colours. I then attempted to explain the Form of
" the several Collars mentioned to have been given to
" Knights of the Order under the reigns of our
" Monarchs, from our Records and from the Pour-
" traictures on the Effigies of the Knights remaining
" on their Monuments, with several other observations

" referring to this Subject, which take up several pages,
" because Mr. Selden and Mr. Ashmole after their dili-
" gent searches wrote, that they had found very few
" instructions on that article:

"Among other reflections I took notice, that the
" Warrants to the Wardrobe, for delivery of the
" Ensigns of this Order, antecedent to the reign of
" Henry 7, in the enumeration of these particulars,
" are silent as to preparing any Collars, and then I
" proceeded in p. 119. to cite this Author, who omits
" them, though, according to the humour of the age,
" wherein he lived, he is very particular in the de-
" scription of the Badges belonging at that time to the
" Order, and very prolix in his Allegorical Construction,
" and mystick significations in the make, colour, and
" manner of wearing them; and on that occasion I
" was obliged to ascertain the time, when he wrote.
" My words were,—'I must beg pardon to quote a
" 'book, fraught with such dull Conceits and far
" 'fetcht mysteries and extravagancies, as [1]Dr. Heylin
" 'professes he never met with such a peice of stuff.
" 'But notwithstanding this abatement to its character,
" 'in regard to the allegorical mystical explanations
" 'of the meaning of the Habits and Ensigns of this
" 'Order, yet this treatise being wrote under the
" 'reign of Henry 6, and by a stranger, a monk of
" 'Cluny, who came hither with [2]credentials and a
" 'Deputation to that King; and also, since Foreigners
" 'have always been more curious than natives in de-
" 'scribing the Particularities of Habits, it may be
" 'allowable for that reason, and more especially
" 'because the learned Abbot of St. Alban's, John
" 'Wheathamstead (to whom this Author lent this

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[1] *Hist. of St. George*, p. 349.
[2] Reiner *Apost. Bened.* in Append. n. lxxiii. sub A.D. 1457.

" ' work, submitting it to his corrections, who must be
" ' well acquainted with the Emblems and Ornaments
" ' of this Order) returned him thanks for it, without
" ' finding any fault with his description of the badges
" ' of this Order. Upon these commendations of the
" ' station of this Author, and these other circum-
" ' stances, and his experience in the world by reason
" ' of his advanced age, and the knowledge he pro-
" ' fesses in this Treatise, he had acquired relating to
" ' other military Orders, I may, without any offence,
" ' or discredit, observe, that this Author mentions
" ' nothing of any Collar appropriated to this Order
" ' &c., or moralized thereon.'

" Since I published that Register, I have seen a
" very beautiful MS. of that work, with the following
" memorial at the end of it.—' *Compilatum in Cluniaco*
" ' A.D. *millesimo iiii*^{c} [1] *lxiii., die* x^{a} *Decembris.*'

" I have cited this Book also in p. 122, because
" Mr. Ashmole, Dr. Heylin, and others who have
" wrote upon this Order, have attributed that noted
" story of the Dropping a ladies Garter as the occasion
" of the Institution, to the Invention of Polydor
" Virgil. In that part of the treatise I published
" concerning the Custome of delivering the Robes of
" this Order to Ladies, whereon I have published a
" long series of Records, I at last took liberty, p. 122,
" to add,—' I do not think myself obliged to verify
" ' the Story of the slipping the Garter of the Queen,
" ' or of the Countesse of Salisbury, which hath been
" ' thought a Romance feigned by Polydor Virgil.
" ' However that may be, I must do the justice to
" ' the Ladies to aver, that a tradition obtained so
" ' far back, as in the reign of Henry VI., that this
" ' Order received its original from the fair sex, but

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[1] An error for some earlier date, as it was presented to Abbot Whethamstede in the year 1458.

" ' the particular occasion not being expressed in my
" ' Author, must therefore be left in the dark.' *Cate-*
" *chism. Ordin, Equit. Perisc. &c. p.* 7. ' *Et sunt pleri-*
" ' *que nonnulli autumantes, hanc ordinem exordium*
" ' *sumpsisse a sexu Muliebri, &c.* * * *'

" Your most humble servant,
" JOHN ANSTIS."

APPENDIX (C).

Extracts from MS. [1] Lansdowne 375.

Fol. 97 b. et seq.

Die Sancti Edwardi, Martyris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo octavo, inventa sunt ista subscripta in cista [2] Scholarum Grammaticalium;—videlicet, Instrumentum [3] Publicum super Statutis, et tria alia Instrumenta super iisdem, facta sigillo Domini [4] Hugonis, tunc tempore Abbatis, et Archidiaconi, Monasterii de Sancto Albano; unus Priscianus magnus; duæ mitræ, et unus baculus episcopalis; una [5] charta Domibus [2] Scholarum; duo cerei, ponderantes minus quam duas libras. Dictus vero Priscianus traditur summo Magistro, ita quod pueri [2] Scholarum inspicere possint, pro voluntate eorum:—juravit custodire librum. Et Magister [6] Reginaldus manucepit quod bene custodiret.—

" [7] Sciant præsentes et futuri, quod ego, Johannes " de Langeleye, dedi, concessi, et, hac præsenti [5] charta " mea, confirmavi, [8] Scholaribus de Sancto Albano unam " domum in villa de Sancto Albano, ad [9] Scholas Gram- " maticales ibidem possidendas et [10] exercendas, in al- " locatione quatuor solidorum, quos de me annuatim, " ex speciali eleemosyna mea, consueverunt habere;

[1] This Manuscript is a small quarto volume, formerly in the possession of Thomas Dove and White Kennet, Bishops of Peterborough, and afterwards in that of James West, F.S.A.: it contains about 200 leaves, in writing of the time, probably, of Richard the Second and Henry the Sixth, and is wholly devoted to documents in connexion with the office of Almoner of the Abbey of St. Alban's.

[2] *Scolarum* in MS.

[3] *Pupplicum* in MS.

[4] Abbot Hugh de Eversdone died 7th of September, 1326.

[5] *carta* in MS.

[6] Probably, Reginald de Oxford, named in the *Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. II. p. 8.

[7] This, no doubt, is either the Charter, or one of the " Three In- " struments," above mentioned.

[8] *Scolaribus* in MS.

[9] *Scolas* in MS.

[10] *excercendas* in MS.

" illam, videlicet, domum, quæ se extendit, in longitu-
" dine, inter mesuagium meum, quod quondam fuit
" Magistri Ricardi de Nantes, super Bokerhulle, ex
" parte una, et tenementum quod quondam fuit Hen-
" rici Scot, ex altera; et se extendit, in latitudine, a
" regia strata usque ad tenementum meum, prout pa-
" rietes sunt positi et constructi; habendum et tenen-
" dum prædictam domum prædictis [1] Scholaribus, et
" successoribus suis, præcipue ad opus pauperum scho-
" larium, et ad Scholas Grammaticales ibidem possiden-
" das et [2] exercendas, libere, quiete, et [3] in perpetuum.
" Quicunque vero dictarum Scholarum Scholarium Ma-
" gister pro tempore fuerit, de sexdecim [1] scholaribus
" pauperioribus dictarum Scholarum nullam contribu-
" tionem percipiet; sed iidem sexdecim scholares pau-
" periores, quoad Magistrum prædictum, de omni contri-
" butione penitus sint quieti. Cæteri quidem scholares,
" secundum antiquam consuetudinem, prædicto Ma-
" gistro tribuant. Nec liceat alicui, ratione consan-
" guinitatis vel affinitatis, post obitum vel recessum
" alicujus, qui ibidem Magister vel Scholaris, [4] pro
" tempore, fuerit, aliquid juris seu clamei in prædicto
" domo apponere, seu vendicare; sed eadem domus
" prædictis scholaribus, et suis successoribus, ad opus
" pauperum scholarium, et ad Scholas, ut prædictum
" est, perpetuo jure [5] possidendas, quiete, absolute per-
" maneat. Et ego, prædictus Johannes, hæredes et
" assignati mei, prædictam domum, ut prædictum est,
" præfatis scholaribus, et suis successoribus, warantizabi-
" mus, acquietabimus, et defendemus contra omnes homi-
" nes [3] in perpetuum. Et ut hæc mea donatio, concessio,
" warantizatio, et præsentis chartæ meæ confirmatio
" rata, sit stabilis in perpetuum, præsenti chartæ sigillum
" meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Willelmo de Bolum,
" tunc Senescallo Libertatis, Luca de Nedham, Simone

[1] *Scolaribus* in MS.
[2] *excercendas* in MS.
[3] *imperpetuum* in MS.
[4] *qui pro* in MS.
[5] *possedendas* in MS.

" de Trewyk, Johanne le Barbour, Adam Colhopper, et " Johanne de Blethe, Johanne de Repindone, Clerico, " et multis aliis."

" Hugo, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii Sancti " Albani, omnibus in Christo credentibus, salutem, cum " gratia Salvatoris. Cum inspexerimus Statuta [1] Scho- " larum nostrarum Grammaticalium de Sancto Albano, " sigillo officii Archidiaconatus nostri confirmata *et* " *cætera,* in publicam formam redacta; volentes igitur " [2] Scholas, Magistrum, et [3] Scholares nostros, [4] fovere, " tueri, et defendere, omnia statuta et singula privi- " legia prædictarum Scholarum, in forma juris concessa, " et a quibuscunque rite facta, secundum formam, vim, " et effectum, utriusque tenoris, quatenus de jure pos- " simus et debemus, ratificamus et confirmamus: præ- " dictis statutis adjicientes, volumus et concedimus " quod Magister, qui pro tempore fuerit, omnes [2] scholas " adulterinas, infra territorium seu [5] jurisdictionem nos- " tram, compescat, enervet, destruat, et evellat; [6] inhi- " bendo *et cætera,* sub pœna excommunicationis, ne " aliquis, vel aliqui, ad [7] scholas aliquas tenendas, sine " voluntate et assensu Magistri [8] Scholarum nostrarum " Grammaticalium, infra prædictam jurisdictionem nos- " tram, accedant, vel tenere præsumant; cui Magistro, " qui pro tempore fuerit, omnium prædictorum statu- " torum, et singulorum privilegiorum, sibi, ut prædi- " citur, concessorum, causarum, contractuum, [9] diffama- " tionum, omnium scholarium suorum inquisitionem, " citationem, examinationem, sive prolationem, absolu- " tam, et sententiarum suarum executionem, per sigil- " lum Officialitatis nostræ, committimus, cum coercionis " canonicæ potestate, et concedimus, per præsentes.

[1] *Scolarum* in MS.
[2] *Scolas* in MS.
[3] *Scolares* in MS.
[4] *foveri* in MS.
[5] *jurisdūmdictionem* in MS.
[6] *inhibent,* apparently, in MS.
[7] *solas* in MS.
[8] *scolarum* in MS.
[9] *defamantium* in MS.; *deffamacionum,* in an ancient hand, in the margin.

" Omnes vero contradictores, et singulos prædictis sta-
" tutis et privilegiis reclamantes, et contra prædicta
" statuta et privilegia, nostramque confirmationem, quo-
" quo modo venientes, dum tamen per dictum Magis-
" trum moniti fuerint, extunc auctoritate præsenti ex-
" communicamus. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum
" nostrum digne duximus apponendum. Data apud
" Sanctum Albanum, tertio-decimo Kalendas Julii, anno
" Domini millesimo trecentesimo decimo."

" Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes
" litteras inspecturis, vel audituris, Frater Johannes
" Passevant, Monasterii Sancti Albani Archidiaconus,
" salutem in Domino sempiternam. Quoniam caritas
" virtutum omnium mater est, et magistra, sine qua
" nullum meritum in præsenti, vel præmium quis as-
" sequitur in [1] futuro, tenentur merito tam omnes quam
" singuli ad caritatis opera promovenda pro viribus
" aspirare; inde est quod nos, J[ohannes], dictus Archi-
" diaconus, ratione prævia, onera Magistri [2] Scholarum
" nostrarum Grammaticalium de Sancto Albano intu-
" entes, atque eorum privilegia et libertates tenues esse,
" et exiles, volumus, quoad possimus, ut inter nova
" gravamina remedium per nos sentiat innovatum;
" dicto etiam Magistro [2] Scholarum prædictarum Gram-
" maticalium de Sancto Albano, qui pro tempore fuerit,
" causas et lites Scholarium et Baculariorum suorum, ac
" etiam laicorum et aliorum omnium Scholaribus dicti
" Magistri, et Bacularii, injuriantium, cum eisdem con-
" trahentium, eosdem diffamantium, ac in [3] eosdem ma-
" nus temere violentas injicientium, damus, concedimus,
" et committimus, per præsentes.

" Item, volumus et concedimus quod Magister, qui
" pro tempore fuerit, omnes beneficiarios jurisdictionis
" nostræ [4] scholas suas [5] exercere compellat, cum coercionis

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[1] This word is somewhat doubtful.
[2] *Scolarum* in MS.
[3] *easdem* in MS.
[4] *scolas* in MS.
[5] *excercere* in MS.

" canonicæ potestate ; inhibentes etiam, sub pœna ex-
" communicationis, quam in hiis scriptis [1] proferimus in
" eosdem, ne aliquis, vel aliqui, ad [2] scholas aliquas [3] eri-
" gendas vel tenendas, infra prædictam jurisdictionem
" nostram, sine voluntate et assensu Magistri prædicta-
" rum Scholarum, accedant, vel tenere præsumant. Quod
" si fecerint, dictus Magister [4] eosdem, sub pœna su-
" perius annotata, destruat et interrumpat. Cui Magis-
" tro, qui pro tempore fuerit, de omnibus privilegiis,
" statutis, et libertatibus, prædictis [5] Scholis concessis,
" et de omnibus contra prædicta venientibus, potesta-
" tem inquirendi, [6] citandi, examinandi, corrigendi,
" [6] et omnia alia faciendi quæ debito [6] modo terminari
" debent et possunt, committimus, cum coercionis ca-
" nonicæ potestate. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum
" officii Archidiaconatus Sancti Albani digne duximus
" apponendum. Data apud Sanctum Albanum, decimo
" Kalendas Julii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo
" decimo."

[7] *De* [8] *Schola Grammaticali.*

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Universis Sanctæ Matris
" Ecclesiæ filiis per hoc Publicum Instrumentum pateat
" evidenter, quod anno ab Incarnatione Domini mil-
" lesimo trecentesimo nono, sexto-decimo Kalendas
" Octobris, Indictione septima, in præsentia mei, Wil-
" lelmi Henrici, de Sancto Albano, Sacrosanctæ Ro-
" manæ Ecclesiæ et Imperii [9] Publici Notarii, in
" Registro Domini Johannis de Sancta Maria, Comitis
" Palatini de Lomello Registrarii, jurium [10] Scholarum

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[1] *proferrimus* in MS.
[2] *scolas* in MS.
[3] *eregendas* in MS.
[4] Qy. *easdem*, meaning, the schools.
[5] *scolis* in MS.
[6] Omitted in MS.; but inserted, in a somewhat later hand, in the margin.
[7] This is the "Public Instru-" ment," apparently, mentioned in p. 305.
[8] *Scola* in MS.
[9] *Pubplici* in MS.
[10] *Scolarum* in MS.

" Grammaticalium Sancti Albani judex, in hac parte, " ex consuetudine legitime præscripta, competens, præ- " sentibus testibus infrascriptis, vocatis ad hoc spe- " cialiter, et rogatis, [1] statuta infrascripta prædictarum " [2] Scholarum, non rasa, non abolita, aut in aliqua sui " parte vitiata, ex unanimi consensu Magistri et om- " nium Bacularioriorum edita, etiam *et cætera* sigillo Offi- " cialitatis Sancti Albani confirmata, feci recitari, et " relegi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi.—

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Prohibet Magister, [3] ne " aliquis de cætero [4] scholaris scholas ingrediatur, nisi " nomen suum in matricula Magistri fuerit insertum. " Quod si fecerit, debet expelli, et privilegio scholarum " non gaudebit.

" Item, prohibet Magister, ne aliquis [5] scholaris de " cætero molestiam, injuriam, seu gravamen aliquod, " aliquibus, vel alicui, scholaribus, in scholis seu extra, " seu laicis vel aliis licentiatis, inferat quoquo modo: " quod si fecerit, pro Magistri arbitrio graviter " punietur.

" Item, prohibet Magister, ne aliquis scholaris de " cætero vaget vel discurrat per vicos et plateas, sine " causa rationabili, et justa: quod si fecerit, debet " requiri, et a Magistro ex ordinario punietur.

" Item, si ob aliquod delictum, quoquo modo con- " tractum, scholaris rebellis inveniatur, vel alias mali- " tiose se absentaverit, debet in forma juris citari, et " a Magistro canonice corrigi: et si præsentiam suam " non exhibuerit, per Magistrum bona sua seques- " trentur, brachio sæculari, si necesse fuerit, ad hoc " specialiter convocato.

" Item, prohibet Magister, ne aliquis scholaris, vel

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[1] *statuata* in MS., but corrected in the margin.

[2] *Scolarum* in MS.

[3] *ïe* in MS., but corrected in the margin.

[4] *scolaris scolas* in MS.

[5] *scolaris* in MS.

" alius, cujuscunque sit conditionis aut status,[1] de cætero
" arma [2]non ferat in scholis vel extra, in præjudicium
" Magistri et scholarium, unde pax dictarum scholarum,
" et tranquillitas, [3]possit perturbari; sub pœna excom-
" municationis, quam [4]in hiis scriptis [5]proferimus in
" eosdem.

" Item, prohibet Magister, sub pœna excommuni-
" cationis, [6]quam in hiis scriptis [5]proferimus, ne ali-
" quis de cætero, clericus vel laicus, seu alius, bacula-
" rius, cujuscunque fuerit conditionis, seu status, quo-
" cunque nomine vel dignitate censeatur, in scholares
" dicti Magistri, in scholis vel extra, manus violentas
" injiciat quoquo modo, vel [7]eosdem diffamet, sub
" pœna superius annotata.

" Item, si scholaris socium suum, in scholis vel
" extra, leniter percusserit, vel rabiando deliquerit,
" vel strepitum, contra statuta, fecerit, caputium suum
" per hostiarium capietur; et vice-monitori præsentetur,
" et ab eo castigetur.

" Item, statutum est, quod [8]ad [9]ostium hostiarius,
" sive sub-hostiarius, continue [10]sedeant, nec duos vel
" tres scholares simul et semel exire permittant, nisi
" ex justa, et necessitatis, causa: quod si ter moniti
" fuerint, ut officium suum in omnibus [11]exequantur,
" et noluerint, quarto a Magistro priventur.

" Item, prohibet Magister, sub pœna excommunica-
" tionis, ne bacularii in schola rabiant, vel strepitum
" faciant, quoquo modo; et si, ter moniti, desistere no-
" luerint, priventur.

" Item, Magister, sub pœna excommunicationis, [12]pro-

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[1] These two words are inserted in the margin.

[2] Sic in MS., a double negative.

[3] *posit* in MS.

[4] These two words are omitted in MS., but supplied in the margin.

[5] *proferrimus* in MS.

[6] Supplied in the margin.

[7] *eodem* in MS., but corrected in the margin.

[8] These two words are supplied in the margin.

[9] *hostium* in MS.

[10] Sic in MS., in the plural.

[11] *exsequantur* in MS.

[12] *inhibet* is placed as a note, against this, in the margin.

" hibet, quam in hiis scriptis [1] proferimus, ne aliquis de " cætero locum baculariorum occupet, vel occupare præ- " sumat, nisi tales fuerint, qui in Universitate rationa- " bili studuerint, vel de eorum statu legitimis constare " poterit documentis.

" Item, statutum est, quod si aliquis ad culmen ba- " culariorum ascendere voluerit, a Magistro, qui pro " tempore fuerit, proverbium accipiat, et de eodem " versus, litteras, [2] rhythmum, componant, et [3] publice " in scholis [4] conferant, (nisi Magister de [5] eisdem ali- " quid gratiose relaxare voluerit), et sex denarios, aut " plus, prout facultates eorum se [6] habeant, [7] obtulerint, " ad Dominicam Sancti [8] Nicolai; alioquin privilegiis " bacularium non gaudebunt; potationibus, et aliis " in hoc casu consuetudinibus, in suo robore duraturis.

" Item, prohibet Magister, ne aliquis, bacularius vel " alius, qualiscunque fuerit, sine licentia ad sedem te- " nendam in scholis accedat; sub pœna excommunica- " tionis, quam in hiis scriptis [1] proferimus; nisi prius " ab illis quos Magister ad eum examinandum [9] [depu- " taverit] de regulis grammaticalibus examinatus fuerit, " et publice in scholis de [5] eisdem, et aliis sibi obji- " ciendis, respondere fuerit paratus, et fecerit.

" Item, inhibet Magister, sub pœna excommunicatio- " nis majoris, quam in scriptis [1] proferimus in [10] eosdem, " ne aliquis, vel aliqui, in Magistros dictarum scholarum " manus temerarias injiciant, vel aliquid mali [11] attentare " præsumant; quod si fecerint, durante excommuni- " cationis sententia, ab omnibus bacularis disciplinam " in scholis accipiant salutarem, nisi prius Deo et Ec- " clesiæ satisfactum fuerit.

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[1] *proferrimus* in MS.
[2] *rithmum* in MS.
[3] *pubplice* in MS.
[4] *conferat* in MS.
[5] *eiisdem* in MS.
[6] This, or a similar word, is omitted here.
[7] *optulerint* in MS.
[8] *Nicholai* in MS.
[9] This, or a similar word, is wanting here.
[10] *eodem* in MS.
[11] *attemptare* in MS.

" Item, Magister, qui pro tempore fuerit, si condig-
" nam acrimoniæ ultionem evitare voluerit, duos de
" scholis bacularios [1] idoneos et discretos eligat ; et
" [2] eisdem cistæ Sancti Nicolai administrationem com-
" mittat ; qui corporale præstabunt sacramentum bonam
" administrationem, pro [3] utilitate scholarum, facere, et
" Magistro bonum et fidelem compotum reddere.

" Item, statutum est, quod si aliquis scholaris vel
" mendicans fuerit, de cujus statu Magistro liquere
" poterit evidenter, per probationes, coram Magistro
" [4] stans, duodecim cereos de cista Sancti Nicolai, circa
" funerationem ac exequias, [5] percipiant : ita tamen, quod
" prædicti duodecim cerei, sine contradictione alicujus,
" seu aliquorum, prædicto Magistro, vel ejus commis-
" sario, seu commissariis, reddantur incolumes.

" Data apud Sanctum Albanum, præsentibus dis-
" cretis viris, Johanne le Hay de Mideford, Willelmo
" Suelesho, clericis, Willelmo Battes', Johanne de Lo-
" cutorio, laicis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis, et ro-
" gatis."

Subscriptio dicti Instrumenti.

" Et ego, Willelmus Henrici, [6] antedictus, de Sancto
" Albano, Lincolniensis Diœcesis, Publicus, Sacrosanctæ
" Romanæ Ecclesiæ et Imperii auctoritate, Notarius,
" huic conscriptioni prædicti tabellionatus officii præ-
" sens, cum testibus supradictis, interfui, et ea omnia
" supra scripta, de mandato prædicti Magistri Schola-

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[1] *idonicos* in MS. ; but corrected in the margin.

[2] *eiisdem* in MS.

[3] *voluntate* in MS. ; but corrected in the margin, in a contemporary hand.

[4] *fatens* is substituted for this in the margin.

[5] Sic in MS., in the plural ; probably meaning, that the number of indigent scholars having this privilege of bearing the funeral tapers was to be limited to twelve.

[6] *antedicti*, apparently, in MS.

" rum Grammaticalium de Sancto Albano, fideliter " scripsi, et in publicam formam redegi, meoque signo " consueto signavi, rogatus, *et cætera.*"

Memorandum, quod die Sabbati proxima ante Festum Sanctæ Katerinæ Virginis, undecimo Kalendas Decembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo decimo, in præsentia [1] Johannis de Maideford, tunc temporis Rectoris Scholarum Grammaticalium de Sancto Albano, ex unanimi consensu omnium baculariorum et scholarium, fuerat statutum et ordinatum, quod Magister, qui pro tempore fuerit, quolibet anno duas faciet celebrari Missas; unam, videlicet, pro animabus Benefactorum defunctorum, in die Sancti Leonardi, cum exequiis nocte præcedenti, statuerunt celebrandam; et aliam in die Sancti Gregorii, Papæ, de Sancto Spiritu, pro vivis Benefactoribus celebrandam. Et Magister et omnes bacularii prædictis Missis interesse debent, et offerant ad easdem, sub pœna statuta.

Memorandum, quod Magister Ricardus de Naundes dedit domum ubi Scholæ tenentur, cum aliis domibus adjacentibus eidem.

Item, [2] Abbates jam defuncti pauperioribus scholarium viginti octo cobas in [3] hebdomada concesserunt, cum mandato, qualibet die scholarum, Magistro, pro arbitrio suo, distribuendas. Dominus Johannes Passevant, Archidiaconus, statuta Scholarum, et libertates, contulit.

Item, Johannes [4] Haule prædictis Scholis [5] dedit Priscianum magnum. Item, [6] pro Eleemosynariis, qui festum Sancti Nicolai concedebant et celebrant. Item, Dominus Hugo de Eversdone privilegia, statuta, et libertates, prædictis Scholis concessa, confirmavit.

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[1] Probably identical with John le Hay, mentioned in p. 313.

[2] *Abbas* in MS., but corrected, in a contemporary hand, in the margin.

[3] *ebdomada* in MS.

[4] Or possibly "*Hanle.*"

[5] Omitted in MS.; but supplied, in a contemporary hand, in the margin.

[6] This passage is incomplete.

"In Dei nomine, Amen. Incipit modus vivendi "pauperum Scholarium in [1] Eleemosynaria.—

"Primo, admittantur pro mora quinque annorum ad " majus, quibus hoc tempus sufficit ad proficiendum in " grammaticalibus.

"Item, nullus extra Eleemosynariam, sine licentia " Sub-Eleemosynarii, sub pœna recedendi usque ad " [2] reconciliationem, se absentet.

"Item, quicunque convictus vel [3] notorius incontinens, " noctivagus, inquietus, discolus, totaliter expellatur.

"Item, admissus statim radat amplam coronam, ad " modum choristarum; et, ut decet clericos, [4] tondean- " tur.

"Item, quilibet dicat cotidie Matutinas de Domina, " pro se, et omni die festo septem [5] Psalmos, pro Con- " ventu, et fundatoribus nostris.

—"Ordinatio facta, pro mora pauperum Scholarium " in Eleemosynaria Sancti Albani, die Sancti Ambrosii, " anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tricesimo nono " *et cætera.*"

De molendino vocato "Dichmulne."

Fol. 105 b. et seq.

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris " vel audituris, [6] Johannes, miseratione divina, Abbas de " Sancto Albano, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem " in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestræ " notitiam volumus pervenire, quod nos, propter discor- " dias et contentiones vitandas, quæ multotiens inter " burgenses nostros de Sancto Albano, ex parte una, et " custodes molendinorum nostrorum, ex altera, occasione " cujusdam molendini pertinentis ad [7] Eleemosynariam

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[1] *Elemosaria* in MS.
[2] *reconsiliationem* in MS.
[3] *notarius* in MS.
[4] Sic in MS., in the plural.
[5] *Psallmos* in MS.
[6] Robert de Gorham was Abbot in 1162.
[7] *Elemosinariam* in MS.

" nostram, quod vocatur 'Dichmulne,' contingebant; ubi,
" contra consuetudinem domini [1] obtentam, dicti bur-
" genses bladum suum molere præsumpserunt, quod Ab-
" bati in non modicum [2] vergebat dispendium, et gra-
" vamen; ordinavimus et concessimus, quod Abbas, qui
" pro tempore fuerit, et custos molendinorum suorum,
" prædictum molendinum, quod vocatur 'Dychmulle,'
" ad firmam in manus suas teneant; ita, videlicet, quod
" Eleemosynario nostro singulis annis pro eodem mo-
" lendino duodecim quarteria duri bladi, quale venit ad
" molendinum, scilicet, mestulum, ad quatuor anni termi-
" nos, persolvant; ad Festum, videlicet, Sancti Michaelis
" tria quarteria, ad Natale Domini tria quarteria, ad
" Pascha tria quarteria, ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis
" Baptistæ tria quarteria; et dimidiam marcam argenti
" similiter, ad dictum festum Sancti Johannis, sine
" ulteriore dilatione, per manum dicti custodis molen-
" dinorum, dicto Eleemosynario annuatim persolvant.
" Si autem, in solutione dicti bladi, vel alicujus partis
" ipsius, vel etiam dictorum denariorum, dicti Abbas
" et molendinorum suorum custos, quod absit, aliquo
" tempore cessaverint, licebit dicto Eleemosynario, et
" ballivis suis, instrumentum prædicti molendini, quod
" vocatur '*eyne*,' capere, et illud tamdiu retinere, quo-
" usque eidem de dicta firma totaliter fuerit satisfactum.
" Et sciendum, quod Abbas prædictum molendinum,
" quotienscunque opus fuerit, propriis sumptibus reficiet.
" Concessimus et ordinavimus, quod Eleemosynarius
" prædictus totum bladum suum, de quo panis conficie-
" tur, in manerio suo de Sopwelle, libere et quiete, sine
" præstatione alicujus thelonei, ad molendinum nostrum
" de Stanekefeld molat, et præcipue per duos dies in
" [3] hebdomada, scilicet, die Lunæ et die Jovis; in qui-
" bus omnibus aliis, ibi molere volentibus, debet præ-

[1] *optentam* in MS.
[2] *urgebat* in MS.; but corrected in a contemporary hand, in the margin.
[3] *ebdomada* in MS.

" ferri. Idem etiam Eleemosynarius triginta summas
" brasii similiter, sine præstatione thelonei, ad molendina
" Abbatis singulis annis [1] [debet] molere, videlicet, contra
" Natale Domini decem summas, contra Pascha decem
" summas, contra Pentecosten decem, vel aliis temporibus,
" quibuscunque sibi viderit [2] expedire. Insuper, volumus
" et ordinavimus, ad majorem securitatem Eleemosyna-
" riæ, ut molendinarii, qui pro tempore ministrabunt in
" molendino de Stankefelde, cum garcionibus suis, cor-
" porale præstent sacramentum Eleemosynario, qui pro
" tempore fuerit, quod fideliter bladum sibi commissum,
" sine diminutione, custodient, et farinam. Si autem Ab-
" batia in custodia Domini Regis fuerit, et Custos ab eo
" deputatus farinam prædictam, sicut dictum est, non
" [3] reddiderit, licebit dicto Eleemosynario molendinum
" suum in manus suas capere, et illud tamdiu retinere,
" quousque Abbas præficiatur. Et ut hæc ordinatio et
" concessio stabilis et inconcussa permaneat, præsentem
" [4] chartam [5] chirographatam sigillorum nostrorum [6] mu-
" nimine facimus roborari; cujus una pars penes Abba-
" tem, altera vero penes Conventum, debet residere.
" Data apud Sanctum Albanum, die Jovis proxima
" ante Festum Sancti Gregorii, Papæ, anno Domini
" millesimo centesimo sexagesimo secundo."

[7] Chirographum factum tempore Johannis Abbatis, de molendino quod vocatur 'Dichmulle,' juxta Sanctum Albanum; pro quo molendino Eleemosynarius Sancti Albani singulis annis quatuor quarteria duri bladi, et dimidiam marcam argenti, percipiet per manum custodis molendinorum, *et cætera.* Licet prius secus fuisset, prædictus Abbas publice statuit quod Eleemosynarii in tota professione Sancti Albani, pro tempore existentes, sicut et alii obedientiarii, compotum suum annuatim

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[1] This, or a similar word, is wanting here.
[2] *exspedire* in MS.
[3] *reddederit* in MS.
[4] *cartem* in MS.
[5] *cyrograffactam* in MS.
[6] *minime* in MS.
[7] *Cyrographum* in MS.

persolvant; ubi enim majus vertitur periculum, congruum necessario occurrere debet remedium; quatenus liquido pateat quod illud officium, quod præcipue est patrimonium Crucifixi, in Ipsius amore et timore debite gubernetur.

Memorandum, in Kalendis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quarto, præceptum fuit, in virtute obedientiæ, in pleno Capitulo, per Venerabilem patrem, Dominum Johannem de Maryns, Abbatem, quod Sub-Eleemosynarius non pascat operarios suos de Eleemosyna, nec alius obedientiarius, sed tota cedat in usum pauperum, prout in sanctorum patrum continetur institutis. Item, quod eleemosyna fratrum in Infirmaria plene [1]erogetur pauperibus; et inquiratur per Sub-Eleemosynarium, qui bis in qualibet hebdomada, videlicet, diebus [2]Mercurii et Veneris, ibidem, ob hanc causam, personaliter accedet. Item, quod nullus sæcularis in Infirmaria reficiat, præter famuliares, videlicet, medicum et servientes proprios, et honestos, de sutrina et lavendria, rationabili de causa vocandos. Concessum est tamen per dictum Abbatem, quod si aliquis infirmatus honestas personas, parentem, videlicet, aut alium amicum specialem, unum aut duos, ad prandium vocare voluerit, licentiam petat ab Abbate vel Priore, aut [3]alio infra septa Monasterii præsidente; et tunc undique servietur honestas, et religionis maturitas, ne in aliquo possit argui levitatis.

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[1] *errogetur* in MS.
[2] *Marcurii* in MS.
[3] Omitted in the text, but supplied, in an ancient hand, in the margin.

APPENDIX (D).

Extracts from MS. Cotton. [1] Tiberius E. vi.

Fol. 111. a. et seq.

[2] *Homage done at Tynemouth, in Northumberland, A.D. 1264, to Roger de Nortone, Abbot of St. Alban's.*

[Memorandum,] quod cum, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo sexagesimo quarto, venerabilis pater . . Dei gratia, [3] Abbas de Sancto Albano, primo post confirmationem suam . . . . Tynemutha, causa Visitationis suæ, prout moris est, ibidem faciendæ, [die] Jovis proxima ante Festum Sanctæ Luciæ, Virginis et Martyris, die, videlicet, Sancti Damasii, Papæ, venisset, communicato consilio suo, jussit vocari eos . . . . qui de eo tenere debuerunt. Tandem facta . . . . . suum de Tynemutha venerunt coram eo omnes subditi . . . . et locis inferius nominatis, in præsentia Dominorum [4] R[adulphi] de Dunham, tunc Prioris de Tynemutha, Rogeri le Brutun, tunc Supprioris de Sancto Albano, Laurentii de Thebrugge, et W. de Hundele, tunc portantis crucem Abbatis, Eliæ de

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[1] This fine volume, a St. Alban's Manuscript of the 14th and 15th centuries, suffered severely from the fire has at Ashburnham House in 1731. It was originally supposed to have been burnt almost to a cinder; but it has of late been skilfully repaired, and the text rendered fairly legible in various places. The following extracts are given, as being of more or less interest in connexion with the Abbey of St. Alban's.

[2] There is another, and perhaps older, copy of this entry in the volume, occurring at folio 62: both copies however are greatly mutilated, through the action of fire.

[3] Roger de Nortone, elected Abbot A.D. 1260.

[4] Ralph de Dunham.

Belvero, et J. de Surreya, [1] monachorum de [Tynemu-] tha, Johannis de Middiltone, tunc Senescalli de Tynemutha, Mag[istri Wal]teri de [2] Bilindone, Johannis de Wakefelde, Rogeri de Wymundham . . . . . Abbatis, clericorum, et aliorum ibidem existentium.

Quadam ergo die Lunæ, [cras]tino, videlicet, Beati Thomæ Apostoli, in magna aula de Tynemutha [inter-] fuerunt isti sex subscripti [3] libere tenentes, coram omnibus prænominatis, et [4] obtulerunt homagia sua Domino Abbati, pro tenementis suis, quæ de eo [in] partibus Northumbriæ tenere clamaverunt. Demum requisiti ab Abbate, et ejus consilio, de eorum tenura, et modo et qualitate tenuræ, dixerunt expresse, quod wardæ hæredum suorum, quotienscunque contigerint, ad Abbatem de Sancto Albano, qui pro tempore fuerit, de jure in medietate spectare . . . . . nentur. Quo audito, Dominus Abbas, salvo jure cujuslibet, eorum cepit homagia, prout inferius consequenter plenius continentur.—

. . . . de Seleby, primus istorum nominatus, fecit homagium Domino Abbati . . . . supradictis pro tenemento suo, quod tenet de Abbate, et de domo de Tynemutha, in villa de Sychale.

Robertus de Hereford fecit homagium pro tenemento suo, quod tenet de Abbate, et de domo de Tynemutha, in eadem villa de Hereford, et dedit Domino Abbati, nomine recognitionis, tres solidos.

Radulphus Faukes fecit homagium pro tenemento suo, quod tenet in villa de Bakwrthe; et dedit, nomine recognitionis, unum pullum bene ambulantem.

Nicolaus de Bacwrthe fecit homagium pro tenemento suo, quod tenet in eadem villa; et dedit, nomine recognitionis, dimidiam marcam.

Henricus de Wyteleye fecit homagium pro tene-

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[1] *monacorum* in MS.
[2] *Billindone* in fol. 62.
[3] *lebere* in fol. 111.
[4] *optulerunt* in MS.

mento suo, quod tenet in eadem villa de Wytheleye; et dedit, nomine recognitionis, unam marcam.

. . . . de Mortone fecit homagium, eodem die et eodem loco, pro tenemento quod tenet in eadem villa de Mortone, et dedit tres solidos.

Item . . . . anno supradicto, loco prænominato, omnes tenentes de Tynemutha fecerunt fidelitatem Domino Abbati; et dederunt eidem, nomine recognitionis, quinquaginta solidos. Et memorandum, quod non sunt in eadem villa nisi quindecim capitales tenentes, qui hic nominantur:—[1] Willelmus filius Alani Cæmentarii, Radulphus filius Gregorii, Nicolaus filius Radulphi, Gilbertus Serviens, Robertus filius Baldewini, Galfridus filius Henrici, Gilbertus filius Roberti, Rogerus Bolt, Willelmus filius Alexandri Sutoris, Walterus de Sartrino, Galfridus de Molendino, Rogerus Fairman, Willelmus filius Rogeri de Wottone, Willelmus Hendele, et Robertus [2] Fayen.

Item, in crastino Sancti Stephani, eodem anno, loco prædicto, fecerunt fidelitatem omnes tenentes de Sceles, et dederunt unam marcam.

[Item, in cras]tino Sanctorum, Innocentium fecit Hugo de Millintone fidelitatem, et dedit quatuor solidos.

Item, hæres de Eynewyk eo die fec[it fidelitatem, et fi]nem fecit pro relevio suo pro . . . . marcam: sed Dominus Abbas, motus, condonavit eidem, quia pauper fuit. Et sciendum, quod tenet in capite de Abbate, per quamdam chartam sigillo [3] Abbatis signatam.

Item, die Jovis proxima post [4] Epiphaniam, in aula de B[ewyk], fecerunt fidelitatem omnes tenentes de Lilleburne, de Egelingeham, et de Bewyk . . . .

Item, die Dominica proxima post Epiphaniam,

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[1] *Walterus* in fol. 62.
[2] *Poyen* in folio 62.
[3] *Symonis Abbatis* in fol. 62.
[4] *Ephiphaniam* in MS.

eodem anno, in aula de Ambelle, fecerunt fidelitatem omnes tenentes de Ambelle, et dederunt, nomine recognitionis, unam marcam.

Item, die et loco supradictis, fecerunt fidelitatem omnes tenentes de [1] Aukeslawe, et dederunt viginti solidos.

Item, in Octavis Epiphaniæ, in aula de Bebbessete, fecerunt fidelitatem omnes tenentes de Copun, et dederunt viginti solidos.

Item, die Jovis proxima post Festum Sancti Hillarii, venerunt apud Tynemutham quinque villatæ, videlicet, Erdesdene, Setone, Prestone, Middelchirtone, Estchirtone; et fecerunt fidelitatem Domino Abbati, et dederunt quatuor marcas.

Item, eodem loco, die Veneris proxima post Octavas Epiphaniæ, fecerunt fidelitatem omnes de Westchirtone, et dederunt quatuor solidos.

Item, die Sancti Vincentii, in camera Prioris de Tynemutha, fecit fidelitatem Rogerus God; et, pro confirmatione triginta et unius [2] acræ terræ, quas tenet in villa de Mortone, dedit decem solidos.

Item, die et loco supradictis, fecit Robertus de Chirtone fidelitatem; et pro confirmatione decem acrarum terræ, quas tenet in villa de Mortone, dedit tres solidos.

Item, die et loco prædictis, fecit Thomas de Bakworth fidelitatem, et, pro confirmatione triginta acrarum in eadem, dedit decem solidos.

Item, die Sabbati proxima post Festum Sancti Vincentii, in aula de . . . ., fecit Walterus Scotus homagium pro tenemento suo de Weltesdene, salvo jure cujuslibet.

Item, eodem die, loco prædicto, fecit Willelmus de Dissintone homagium, pro tenemento quod tenet in eadem villa de Dissintone.

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[1] Elsewhere written "*Haukeslaue*"; now Hauxley, on the coast of Northumberland.

[2] Sic in MS.

Item, die et loco supradictis, fecerunt omnes tenentes de Wylum fidelitatem; et dederunt, nomine recognitionis, unam marcam.

Item, in crastino Conversionis Sancti Pauli, in aula de [1] Estwyk, fecerunt omnes tenentes de eadem villa de [1] Estwyk fidelitatem, et [2] obtulerunt Domino Abbati, nomine recognitionis, dimidiam marcam: et quia pauperes fuerunt, Dominus Abbas, pietate motus, dimidiam marcam eisdem condonavit.

Item, eodem die, loco prædicto, omnes burgenses de Novo Castro, tenentes de feodo Abbatis, et Prioris de Tinemutha, fecerunt fidelitatem Domino Abbati, magnos et infinitos honores eidem impendentes.

Item, die Jovis proxima post Festum Conversionis Sancti Pauli, anno prædicto, in aula Philippi de [3] Carleburia, fecit Willelmus filius Iolani, de Mortone super Teyse, fidelitatem Domino Abbati, salvo jure cujuslibet.

[Item, die et] loco prædictis, fecit . . . . . de eadem Domino Abbati fidelitatem, salvo *et cætera.*

[Item,] eodem die, Thomas filius Rogeri de Mortone fecit homagium, salvo *et cætera.*

[Item, eodem die,] Henricus filius Petri de Mortone fecit homagium.—Qui omnes quatuor prædicti, [tenentes de] Mortone, recognoverunt quod wardæ et relevia hæredum suorum spectant ad Abbatem de Sancto Albano, qui pro tempore fuerit, et ea ratione [fecerunt] homagia; et factis homagiis suis, prout prædictum est, dederunt omnes simul, nomine recognitionis, unam marcam.

Item, die [et loco supradictis,] fecit Philippus de Carlebiria homagium Domino Abbati, et dedit eidem unum palefredum bene portantem.

Summa totius auxilii prænominati, xvi. libræ et xx. denarii; quæ quidem pecunia, ante decessum Abbatis a

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[1] *Elswyk* in fol. 63.
[2] *optulerunt* in MS.
[3] *Carlebiria* in fol. 63.

partibus Northumbriæ, integre fuit persoluta, exceptis tantum xxiii. solidis et iiii. denariis.

Die Conversionis Sancti Pauli, anno supradicto, in aula de Eleswyk, fecit Robertus de Wilsingtone Domino Abbati homagium, pro tenemento quod de eo tenet in eadem.

Memorandum, quod in Vigilia Purificationis, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo septuagesimo sexto, fecit Nicolaus filius Radulphi Faukes homagium Domino Abbati, pro tenemento suo, quod de eo tenet in villa de Bakeworthe, et . . . . . in xl. denariis pro relevio; quos solvit in Festo Sancti Michaelis proximo sequente.

[1]. . . . Octabis Trinitatis, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo primo, fecit Nicolaus Blancfrunt [homagium Domino] Abbati, pro quodam tenemento quod tenet de eodem Abbate in Potesgrave . . . . . reddendo. Item, reddidit idem Nicolaus, per medium, quolibet anno, ii. *s.* vi. *d.*

[Item,] anno millesimo octogesimo tertio, tertio-decimo die Maii, fecit Robertus . . . . fidelitatem Domino Abbati, pro tenemento suo, quod tenet de eodem [in Pot]esgrave. Et sciendum, quod tenet dimidium de eodem Abbate . . . per annum.

Fol. 166 b.

Tenure of a native, or born bondman, of the Abbot of St. Alban's.

. . . tenet pro vita sua unum mesuagium et unam acram terræ, cum pertinentiis, quod Laurentius Gid . . . . et quod aliquando fuit Odini atte Velle, reddendo Domino Abbati, per annum, septem denarios. Item, [circumstabit] bidentes domini, ad cibum domini; et valet cibus pro opere. Item, sarclabit cum uno homine per unum diem, ad cibum domini; et valet

[1] This and the next paragraph, (not relating to the homage at Tynemouth,) are added at the foot of folio 63 a. They do not appear in folio 112.

cibus pro opere. Item, purgabit ductum aquæ, et [valet] opus obolum; et falcabit, cum uno homine, per unum diem, ad cibum domini; et valet opus, ul[tra cibum,] i. *d.* Et levabit fenum, cum uno homine, per unum diem, ad cibum domini; et valet opus, ultra [cib]um, i. *d.* Item, tassabit fenum domini, ad cibum domini; et valet opus, ultra cibum, obolum. Et [du]cet carectam domini, quando ducit fimum, cum uno homine, per unum diem, ad cibum domini; et valet opus, ultra cibum, obolum. Item, metet per unum diem, ad magnam precariam, cum omnibus famulis, . . . et valet opus, ultra cibum, i. *d.* Item, inveniet ad precariam [1] hordei unum hominem, et ad precariam avenæ unum hominem, ad cibum domini; et valet opus, ultra cibum, infra duos dies, ii. denarios. Item, metet . . . et rodam [1] hordei, et unam rodam avenæ; et valet messio ii. *d. obol.* Item, tassabit bladum domini, cum . . . ., per unum diem, ad cibum domini, et valet opus, ultra cibum, unum denarium. Item, dabit gal[linam] et quinque ova; et valent i. *d. quadr.*

Summa redditus vii. *d.* Summa valoris servitiorum xii. *d. quadr.*

Fol. 168 b.

Tenure of another native, or born bondman, of the Abbot of St. Alban's.

Adam Brid, nativus domini, tenet septem acras terræ et unum mesuagium . . ., et reddet domino pro eisdem iii. solidos vi. denarios, et falcabit cum uno homine per u[num diem,] ad cibum domini. Item, metet dimidiam acram de [2] hordeo, sine cibo domini, et habebit u[nam] . . . bam, et eandem ligabit et colliget. Et eodem modo faciet de una dimidia acra a[venæ. Item,] quando fenum domini levabitur, inveniet unum hominem uno die; et ad . . . . et cum biga, et uno bove, et uno homine, ad . . . . Item, circumstabit bidentes domini, et tondebit lanam, cum uno homine, ad cibum do[mini.]

[1] *ordei* in MS. | [2] *ordeo* in MS.

[Item, cari]abit et intrabit blada domini per tres dies in [1] autumno, cum uno . . . . una biga, et duobus bobus, ad cibum domini. Item, cariabit, eodem modo, fimum domini, ad cibum domini. Item, metet cum uno bove, per unum diem . . . et eodem modo avenam. Et ad magnam precariam . . . . ad cibum domini. Et dabit tallagium et merchettum . . . .

Fol. 180 b.

[2] *Rents received by the Abbot of St. Alban's in the City of London, and the tallage of one tenth assessed thereon, for the aid of the Holy Land.*

Redditus Abbatis in Londoniis.

Abbas de Sancto Albano in Parochia Sancti Petri de Bradestret, de redditu lx. *s.*, decima vi. *s.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Stephani de Walebrok, de redditu iii. *s.*, decima iii. *d. obol.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Benedicti in Wodewharve, xlii. *s.* iiii. *d.*, decima iiii. *s.* ii. *d. obol. quadr.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Nicolai Coldabbey, de redditu v. *s.*, decima vi. *d.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Johannis Zakary, de redditu vi. *s.*, decima vii. *d.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Benedicti Fink, de redditu iiii. *li.* xvi. *s.*, decima ix. *s.* vii. *d.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Agnetis infra Aldresgate, de redditu x. *s.* vi. *d.*, decima xii. *d. obol.*

Item, in Parochia Sanctæ Mildredæ super Walebroke, de redditu viii. *s. d. obol.*, decima ix. *d. obol.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Michaelis in Hoggenlane, de redditu xiii. *s.*, decima xv. *d. obol.*

Item, in Parochia Sanctæ Mariæ de Colchurche, de redditu vii. *s.*, decima viii. *d. quadr.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Michaelis in Cornhulle, de redditu vi. *s.* iiii. *d.*, decima vii. *d. obol.*

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[1] *autumpno* in MS. | [2] Date A.D. 1292–3.

Item, in Parochia Sancti Alphegi infra Krepelgate, de redditu xix. *s.*, decima xxii. *d. obol. quadr.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Sepulcri extra Neugate, x. *s.*, decima xii. *d.*

Item, in Parochia Sancti Albani, de redditu iiii. *li.* xvi. *d.*, decima viii. *s. d. obol.*

Item, in Parochia de Werberwe, de redditu iii. *s.*, decima iii. *d. obol.*

Summa redditus, xviii. *li.* x. *s.* vii. *d. obol.*

Summa decimæ, xxxvi. *sol.* xi. *d. quadr.*[1]

Fol. 186 a.

Agreement made between Sir Robert de Tateshale and Adam, Prior of the Cell of Wymundham.

"Conue chose seit a touz genz, qe come conteke feust "meu entre mon Sire [2]Roberd de Tateshale, del une "part, e Adam, Priour de Wymundham, de autre part; "de ceo qe le dit mon Sire Roberd demaunda quatre "payns conventuals, e quatre justees de cerveyse con- "ventuele, a resceyvre del dit Priour e de ses succes- "sours, a chescon jour, taunt come il demort; a res- "ceyvre cum rente servise surdaunt de dis carues de

[Translation.]

"Be it a thing known unto all folks, that whereas there "has been a dispute moved between Messire Roberd de "Tateshale, of the one part, and Adam, Prior of Wymundham, "of the other part; because that the said Messire Roberd "demanded four conventual loaves, and four jugfuls of conven- "tual ale, to receive of the said Prior and of his successors, on "each day, so long as he remains; to receive the same as a rent-

[1] In fol. 184 a is an acknowledgment by Brother William de Epping, monk of the Abbey of Waltham, that he has received the above tenth on the King's behalf, dated the 4th of the Ides of February, A.D. 1292 (3).

[2] See the *Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. II. pp. 63, 64, 83.

" tere en Wymundham ; le quele chose le dit Priour
" luy contre dist ; e par quey puis apres, a requeste
" de communes amys entrevenaunz, est acorde qe le
" avaunt dit Priour, e le Covent de mesme le leu,
" ount graunte, pur eux, e pur lur successours, a doner
" a levauntdist mon Sire Roberd, chescun jour de sa
" venue a son maner de Wymundham, a demorer, a
" manger ou a nuter, e chescun jour taunt come il
" demort, quatre payns conventuels, e quatre justees
" de cerveyse conventuele, a prendre come secke rente,
" e en noun de secke rente, e ne mie come rente ser-
" vise sourdant de nul tenement ; mes taunt sulement
" secke rente, de lur graunt especial, pur bien de pes ;
" en qele manere les prendrunt ses eyrs, apres soun
" deses.

" E le dit mon Sire Robert ad [gr]aunte, pur luy
" e pur ses eyrs, qil ne puissent payn ne cerveyse
" demaunder, surdaunt [des] ditz tenemenz come rente
" servise, ne en nul antre manere forken la manere

[Translation.]

" service arising from ten carucates of land in Wymundham ;
" the which thing the said Prior denied him ; and therefore
" since then, at the request of common friends intervening, it
" is agreed that the aforesaid Prior, and the Convent of the
" same place, have granted, for themselves, and for their suc-
" cessors, to give to the aforesaid Messire Roberd, each day of
" his coming to his manor of Wymundham, to remain there,
" to eat or to lodge for the night, and each day so long as he
" does remain, four conventual loaves, and four jugfuls of
" conventual ale, to take as rent-seck, and in the name of
" rent-seck, and not as rent-service arising from any tenement ;
" but only rent-seck, of their especial grant, for the benefit
" of peace ; in which manner his heirs shall take them, after
" his decease.

" And the said Messire Robert has granted, for himself and
" for his heirs, that they cannot demand bread or ale, as arising
" from the said tenements as a rent-service, or in any other

" avaunt dite, [cum] secke rente, de lur graunt espe-
" cial, come desus est dit, pur bien de pes. E si nul
" ac . . . feust de ceo fere, pur luy e pur ses eyrs,
" de tut le relest, ne feaute ne autre chose, [par] la
" resoun de cele secke rente, puisse demaunder. E a
" la surte de cele secke rente paer [en] fourme susdite,
" le dit Priour e le Covent voilent e grauntent, pur
" eux, e pur lur succes[sours], qe le dit mon Sire
" Robert e ses eyrs puissent destreindre le Priour e le
" Covent en les tenemenz qe sunt de son fee en Wy-
" mundham, hors pris en . . . . espirituaute . . .
" qe chose seyt a rere."

Fol. 187 b.

Knight-service performed by the Abbot of St. Alban's.

[1] Memorandum, [2] quod anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo octavo, misit Johannes de Berk[amstede], Abbas Sancti Albani, servitium sex militum apud Karliolum, contra Scotos; ubi Johannes de Gorham [fecit] servitium unius militis pro se et parcenariis suis; et Willelmus Tolomer fecit servitium unius [militis] pro se et

[Translation.]

" manner than in the manner aforesaid, as rent-seck, of their
" especial grant, as is above said, for the benefit of peace.
" And if any . . . from doing this, for him and for his
" heirs, of all the grant, neither fealty nor other thing, by reason
" of this rent-seck can he ask. And for the surety of paying
" this rent-seck in form aforesaid, the said Prior and the Con-
" vent do will and grant, for them, and for their successors,
" that the said Messire Robert and his heirs may distrain the
" Prior and the Convent in the tenements which are of their
" fee in Wymundham, except in . . . . spiritualty . . . .
" when any thing is in arrear."

[1] On this subject, see also the *Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. II. p. 45.

[2] There is another copy of this, in fols. 261 b, 262 a, of the MS.

Johanne filio Gaufridi, pro feodo de Crokesle et Oxey. Et Coquinarius Sancti Albani fecit ser[vitium] unius militis, pro se et parcenariis suis. Et Abbas fecit servitium unius militis, pro terra de [Sisseverne.] Et Abbas fecit servitium unius militis, in defectu Monialium, pro scuto Taylboys et sociorum: quod quidem servitium Moniales de Soppewelle facere debuerunt, et non fecerunt. Et R[icardus] Baccheworthe fecit servitium unius militis, pro se et feodo de Bruttewelle.

Fol. 188 a et seq.

An account of the expenditure incurred on the occasion of the Feast given at St. Alban's, on the election of John de [1] *Maryns, Prior, as Abbot*, A.D. 1302.

Expensæ factæ per Fratrem [2] Johannem de Stithenache pro Festo Abbatis, Dominica prima post Festum Sancti Bartholomæi.—

Inprimis, pro pisce empto Londoniis, xviii. *s.* vi. *d.*
[Pro] *heyruns* et *botors* . . . . xxii. *s.*
[Pro] *poletrie,* iiii. *li.* v. *s.*
[Pro] carnibus emptis in villa, iiii. *li.* xvii. *s.* vi. *d.*
[Pro me]nestrallis, vi. *li.* xiii. *s.* iiii. *d.*
[Pro qu]inque doliis vini, xiiii. *li.* xiiii. *s.* viii. *d. obol.*
[Pro] speciebus emptis Londoniis, sicut patet per . . . . . in fine.
. . . [Gr]atefige, pro diversis rebus, xvi. *li.* iii. *s.* ix. *d.*
[Pro] coadjutoribus in coquina, sicut patet inferius.
. . . . . .
[Pro *fig*]*ges* et *reysins* . . .
Summa, xliiii. *li.* x. *s.* vi. *d.*
. . . pro centum et viginti libris ceræ, et uno quarterio unius . . . . iiii. *li.* ii. *s.* viii. *d. obol.*

[1] Or "Marinis," as he is called in the volume from which these extracts are made. As to the Feast in question, see the *Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. II. p. 56.

[2] Cellarer of St. Alban's, and afterwards Prior of Wymundham.

. . . . . iiii. bussellis avenarum, vi. *li.* iiii. *s.* ii. *d.*

[Pro pate]llis, discis, salseriis, *gaces*, et pro cariagio . . . . . de Campo, et R. de Ostio, liiii. *s.* ii. *d. obol.*

. . . pro dimidio quarterio farinæ, v. *s.*

. . . Adæ de . . . . et . . . Tideburst, pro ollis ad . . . . vi. *s.* viii. *d.*

. . pro ii. quarteriis et vii. bussellis frumenti, x *s.* viii. *d.*

. . . . Rogero de Rothewelle, vi. *s.* vi. *d.*

. . . cariagio, vi. *d.*

[1] Item, pro participatione Abbatis, per talliam, xlii. *s.* x. *d. obol.*

Item, pro nova sella Abbatis, xi. *s.*

Summa, xvi. *li.* xiii. *s.* iii. *d. obol.*

Summa totius, lxi. *li.* iii. *s.* ix. *d. obol.*

Of the Spices bought for the Feast.

Memorandum, de speciebus et aliis rebus emptis contra Festum Domini Abbatis.

Inprimis, pro [2] amygdalis, ii. centenæ, xxii. *s.*; pro centena, xi. *s.*

Item, pro centena de *rys*, ix. *s.*

Item, pro iii. libris de *gingivere*, ix. *s.*; pretio libræ, iii. *s.*

Item, pro duabus libris de *galingale*, iiii. *s.*; pretio libræ, ii. *s.*

Item, pro ii. libris de *canele*, iii. *s.* iiii. *d.*; pretio libræ xx. *d.*

Item, pro ii. libris de *gilofres*, xiiii. *s.*; pretio libræ, vii. *s.*

Item, pro ii. libris de *maces*, xiiii. *s.*; pretio libræ, vii. *s.*

Item, pro x. libris de *amedon*, ii. *s.* vi. *d.*; pretio libræ, iii. *d.*

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[1] The following is written in another column in the same page.

[2] *amigdalis* in MS.

Item, pro x. libris de *blanchepudre*, [1] xiii. *s.*, iiii. *d.*; pretio libræ, xx. *d.*

Item, pro vi. libris de *greyne*, ii. *s.*; pretio libræ, iiii. *d.*

Item, pro ii. libris de *saffrun*, xiii. *s.* iiii. *d.*; pretio libræ, dimidia marca.

Item, pro ii. libris de *comyn*, iiii. *d.*; summa patet.

Item, pro xxxii. libris de *sucre en payn*, xxxvii. *s.* iiii. *d.*; pretio libræ, xiiii. *d.*

Item, pro *alcan*, ii. *s.*

Item, pro una *sace*, xii. *d.*

Item, pro centena et dimidia de *canevaz*, xl. *s.*

[2] Item, pro i. libra pulveris, iii. *s.*

Item, Johanni de Arderne, pro diversis *sauces*, xiii. *s.* vii. *d.*; scilicet, pro xiiii. galonibus de *gingivire* et *galatine*, et iii. galonibus de senapio, et ii. galonibus de . . . pro . . . summa patet.

Item, Rogero Gratefige, pro melle, xxiii. *d. obol.*

Item, pro *colours*, xvi. *d.*

Item, pro *vinegre*, vii. *s.* i. *d.*, et pro cariagio, xiiii. *d.*

Item, pro bultellis, ii. *s.* vi. *d.*

Item, pro *reysins* et *figes*, x. *d. obol.*

Summa Gratefige, xiiii. *s.* xi. *d.*

Summa *carkoys* bovium, de exenniis, xii., pretio vi. *li.*

Porcorum, xxviii., iv. *li.* i. marca.

Multon, xiiii., xvi. *s.*

Porcelli, xii., vi. *s.*

Cygni, xviii., lx. *s.*, et xi. *d.*

Pavonum xxviii., xxviii. *s.*

Caponum centum octoginta et ii., xxxviii. *s.*

Aucarum xviii., iiii. *s.*

Pullorum centum xiiii., ix. *s.*

Vini, i. dolium, lx. *s.*

Cervisiæ, i. dolium, xv. *s.*

Panis, iiii. quarteria, xxv. *s.*

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[1] Incorrect, if at 20*d.* per pound. | [2] Fol. 188 b.

Summa totalis, xxiii. *li.* xv. *s.* iiii. *d.*

Pretium bestiarum ferarum, xvi. *li.*

Pretium l. *carkoys* multonum de maneriis, l. *s.*

Capones de maneriis, centum quadraginta vi., pretio xxx. *s.*

Pulli trecentum x., pretio xxv. *s.*

xx. quarteria brasii, pretio iiii. *li.* x. *s.*

In pane, xl. quarteria, pretio x. librarum.

Summa, xlv. *li.* xv. *s.*

Fol. 188 b.

[1] *Entry as to the bondmen of the Abbot.*

Erat quidam nativus Domini Abbatis, tempore Domini Johannis Regis, "Aylmerus" nomine, qui tota vita sua fecit opera servilia pro terra de Agate, quam tenuit.

Successit ei quidam filius, nomine "Algor," qui dedit unum *wodecock*, quia maritavit filiam suam sine licentia, et erat amicus Cellerario.

Successit quidam filius, nomine "Robertus Clericus," qui, pro licentia ducendi uxorem, dedit domino unum par calcarium.

Successit ei quidam filius, "Johannes" nomine, qui, nono an[no] Regis H[enrici], gersumavit terram Roberti, patris sui, et dedit pro fine i. marcam. Item, pro licentia ducendi uxorem, dimidiam m[arcam]. Idem Johannes, pro licentia habenda maritandi Mabiliam, filiam suam, cuidam Gerardo, filio Godefredi, d[edit] vi. solidos, anno Regis H[enrici] tricesimo tertio.

Idem Johannes, pro licentia maritandi aliam fil[iam], dedit v. solidos, anno Regis H[enrici] quinquagesimo tertio.

Successit ei quidam Robertus filius, qui, anno [Regis]

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[1] The subject now changes to that of the born bondmen of the Abbot. As much of the text is here given, as is legible.

Edwardi primo, gersumavit terram patris [pro] quinque marcis. Item, pro licentia ducendi uxorem . . . . , quando ille diu præpeditus fuit, et fecit . . . dedit talliagium semper sine concessione . . . . prædecessores sui.

Successit ei quidam Johannes filius, qui anno sextodecimo gersumavit . . . iii. solidis . . . . .[1]

Fol. 189 a.

Acknowledgment given for moneys borrowed of Walter de Langetone, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

"[Pat]eat universis quod nos, [2] Johannes, permissione "divina, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem "loci Conventus, fatemur [nos ten]eri et obligari Do- "mino Waltero de Langetone, Dei gratia, Episcopo "Conventrensi et Lichefeldensi, in mille marcis ster- "lingorum, quas . . . . mutuo recepimus, ad neces- "sarias utilitates dicti monasterii nostri; solvendas "eidem, vel suo certo attornato . . . . . in "civitate Londoniarum, in Festo Sancti Michaelis, anno "Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio, sine ulteriori "[dilatione]. Ad quam quidem obligationem, in forma "prædicta, fideliter faciendam, obligamus nos, et omnia "bona, mobilia et [immobi]lia, dicto monasterio nostro "pertinentia, districtioni quorumcunque ballivorum seu "ministrorum Domini Regis, [3] quos idem Dominus "Episcopus, hæredes . . . . vel attornati ejusdem, "eligere voluerint, ut possint dictam districtionem ad "libitum detinere, donec . . . . de principali de- "bito prædicto, quam etiam de omnimodis [4] damnis et "expensis quæ incurrerint et apposuerint . . . . . "dictæ pecuniæ, suo termino, quod absit, eidem plenarie "fuerit satisfactum. In cujus rei testimonium, huic

[1] The remaining portion is so mutilated as to be unintelligible.

[2] Abbot John de Maryns.

[3] *quem* in MS.

[4] *dampnis* in MS.

" . . . . [si]gilla nostra apposuimus. Data apud " Sanctum Albanum, in pleno Capitulo nostro, in Oc- " tabis Purificationis . . . . anno Domini millesimo " trecentesimo secundo." [1]

Fol. 189 b.

Contributions made by the various servants of the Abbey of St. Alban's, (probably towards defraying the expenses of the Feast given upon the election of John de Maryns as Abbot. A.D. 1302).

Adjutorium de servientibus infra Abbatiam.

	De Waltero Tubbe . . .	lx. *s.*
	De Willelmo de Barneburch	ii. *s.*
	De Willelmo de Wendoure	ii. *s.*
	De Philippo, socio suo . .	ii. *s.*
. . . starii	Johannes Lundreys . . .	vi. *d.*
	Adam Organista	vi. *d.*
	Duo alii [2] nihil dederunt.	
[I]nfirmaria	Thomas Clericus de Infirmaria	vi. *d.*
	. . . Ateport . . .	x. *s.*
	Gaufridus Cocus	vi. *d.*
	Willelmus Flauerber . . .	vi. *d.*
	Knyt	vi. *d.*
[Hostr]ia Abbatis	Simon Dode	xx. *s.*
	Robertus de Campo . . .	i. marca.
	Walterus Cocus	xii. *d.*
	Radulphus Cocus	ii. *s.*
	Hawenes	ii. *d.*

[1] A pen has been run through this entry, at, apparently, an almost contemporary date; to signify, probably, that another form, given in the sequel, was substituted.

[2] *nichil* in MS.

[Hostr]ia Conventus	. . . Tileman	vi. *s.* viii. *d.*
	Radulfus Clericus	ii. *s.*
	Robertus Claver	ii. *s.*
	Willelmus Nepos Abbatis .	ii. *s.*
	Thomas Sauser	xii. *d.*
	Willelmus Crokede . . .	xii. *d.*
	Johannes Potager	vi. *d.*
[Sa]rtria	Rogerus Chewpayn, de servitio suo	xx. *d.*
	Ricardus de Sartria . . .	vi. *d.*
	Johannes Rote	iii. *d.*
	Symon de Corveserie . .	xii. *d.*
	[1] Nicolaus, socius ejus.	
	Heyne de Lauendrie . . .	vi. *d.*
	Johannes Qwickseynt . .	vi. *d.*
[Pistrinum] Abbatis	Willelmus Vox	xii. *d.*
	Gaufridus de Pistrino . .	iii. *d.*
	Ricardus ate More . . .	ii. *s.*
	Thomas Asseman	ii. *d.*
	Alexander de Pistrino . .	iiii. *d.*
	Johannes Lathere	iii. *d.*
	Johannes Bakere	ii. *d.*
Pistrinum Conventus	Johannes Viringe	xii. *d.*
	Alexander Braciator . . .	vi. *d.*
	Ricardus de Athewyk . .	vi. *d.*
	Willemus Manning . . .	vi. *d.*
	Willelmus de Westwyke .	iii. *d.*
	Radulphus Fouke	iii. *d.*
	Alan de Braseria Abbatis .	[2]
	Walterus de Braseria Abbatis	vi. *d.*
	Reginaldus de Braseria Conventus	vi. *d.*

[1] This entry has a line run through it.

[2] The amount is effaced by fire.

Walterus de Cuneshulle .	iii. *d.*
Johannes de Hatefeld . .	iii. *d.*
Henricus de Dolowe . . .	xx. *s.*
Radulphus de Porta . . .	vi. *s.* viii. *d.*
Candinus, garcio de Porta .	vi. *d.*
Robertus le Ferur . . .	ii. *s.*
Rogerus Forestarius . . .	ii. *s.*
Nicolaus Palfre	vi. *s.* viii. *d.*
Colles Warin	x [1]
Johannes Stubbard . . .	xx. *s.*
Ricardus Croyroye . . .	iii. *s.*
Ricardus de Croftone . .	xii. *d.*
Thomas Lardiner	xii, *d.*
Johannes de Ostio	ii. *s.*
Edwardus	vi. *d.*
Bassat	ii. *d.*
Thomas Venator	vi.
Thomas de Bingham . .	vi.
Johannes Scherewynd . .	vi.
Willelmus Priur	[2] iii.
Johannes de Cadingtone .	iii.
[3] Colting	iii.
Socius ejus	vi.
Porcarius	vi.
Wyot Carectarius	[4]
Willelmus Carectarius . .	
Adam Carectarius	
[5] Isack de	
Gaufridus de Tannaria . .	
Alanus Molendinarius . .	
Kynne T.	
Hanek' garcio Coquinarii .	
Robertus garcio Refectorarii	

[1] Partly effaced.
[2] Indistinct.
[3] Both the name and the amount are doubtful.
[4] In these latter entries, the amounts have been effaced by fire.
[5] This name is doubtful.

Socius ejus	
Johannes de Grenstud . .	
Rogerus Carpentarius . .	
Johannes Cuper	
Symon Tegulator	
Willelmus, garcio ejus . .	
Andreas Tegulator . . .	
Garcio ejus	
Faber [1] Curiæ	
Garcio [2] Porcarii	
Piscator	
[3] Willelmus de Porta . .	vi. *d.*
Willelmus de Stabulo . .	vi. *d.*
[4] Walterus de Stabulo Abbatis	iii. *d.*
Gilbertus, garcio J. Blount	iii. *d.*
Garcio Warennarii . . .	iii. *d.*
Willelmus Warinus . . .	xii. *d.*
Prat	iii. *d.*
de Locutorio . . .	i. *d.*
Johannes le Taylur . . .	xii. *d.*
Garcio Pagani de Porta .	vi. *d.*
Garcio Januæ	vi. *d.*
. . . . de Pratis . . .	vi. *d.*
Summa	xi. *li.* xiiii. *s.* ii. *d.*[5]

[1] This word is doubtful.

[2] Or, possibly, "*Portæ*"; but see above and below.

[3] Here, at folio 190 a, the sums again are preserved.

[4] This name is indistinct, and doubtful.

[5] The names of some few of the tenants of St. Alban's follow here (fol. 190 a), but portions of several of them have been effaced by fire.

Fol. 190 a.

Grant of a Maundy made to a Nun of the Cell of Sopwelle.

" Omnibus Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis præsens
" scriptum visuris vel audituris, Rogerus, miseratione
" divina, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, salutem in
" Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra, nos,
" caritatis intuitu, dedisse, concessisse, et, hac præ-
" senti [1] charta nostra, confirmasse, dilectæ nostræ Phi-
" lippæ, filiæ Henrici de Norwyco, quam recepimus in
" monialem in Cella nostra de Sopwelle, unam sustenta-
" tionem ad totam vitam suam, percipiendam, quam
" prius vacare contigerit, de tribus illis liberationibus
" quæ 'Mandata Sanctæ Mariæ' nuncupantur; quæ,
" videlicet, de Refectorio nostro, et coquina, singulis
" diebus deliberantur. In cujus rei testimonium, præ-
" sentem chartam sigillo nostro fecimus roborari. Data
" apud Sanctum Albanum, die Sabbati proxima ante
" Purificationem Beatæ Mariæ, anno Domini millesimo
" ducentesimo sexagesimo sexto."

Folio 190 b.

Order for making bridges on the river Colne.

" Edward, par la grace de Deu, Roi dEngleterre,
" Seignur dIrlaunde, et Duc dAquitaine, a son cher
" . . . . Abbe de Seint Auban, saluz. Nous vous
" prioms et maundoms, qe la rivere de Colnee, et les
" . . . . la rivere, et les mareys, et les flaches, denz

[TRANSLATION.]

" Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of
" Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to his dear . . . . the
" Abbot of Saint Alban's, greeting. We do pray and com-
" mand you, that the river of Colnee, and the . . . . [of] the
" river, and the marshes, and the dams, in your liberty, you do

[1] *carta* in MS.

" vostre fraunchise, facez ponter, bien et suffisam[ment
" sanz] delai; soloum coe qe Robert Chenel, nostre
" vadlet, vous avisera pluis pleinement de par nous.
" [Done sous] nostre Prive Seal, a Wyndesore, le vii.
" jour de Feverer, lan de nostre regne xxxi.

[TRANSLATION.]

" cause to be bridged over, well and sufficiently, [without]
" delay; according to that which Robert Chenel, our vadlet,
" shall advise you more fully on our behalf. [Given under]
" our Privy Seal, at Wyndesore, the seventh day of February,
" the thirty-first year of our reign."

Fol. 191 a.

Royal order, addressed to Abbot John de Maryns, by King Edward the First, for grant of a pension to John de Courtney.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hi-
" berniæ, et Dux Aquitanniæ, dilectis in Christo, Abbati
" et Conventui de Sancto Albano, [sal]utem. Cum vos,
" ratione novæ creationis vestræ, præfate Abbas, uni
" de clericis nostris, quem vobis duxerimus nominandum,
" de annua pensione singulis annis de domo vestra
" percipienda, donec de competenti beneficio eidem per
" vos provisum fuerit, teneamini providere, vobis man-
" damus, rogantes quatinus dilectum clericum nostrum,
" Johannem de Curtinaco, quem vobis nominamus ad
" dictam pensionem [1] obtinendam, de tali et tanta pen-
" sione annua, ex causa præmissa, nostri intuitu, respi-
" ciatis, quod [gra]tes a nobis reportare, et dictum
" clericum in vestris, et domus vestræ, negotiis promp-
" tiorem habere, merito valeatis; et litteras [vestras]
" patentes, sigillo Capituli vestri consignatas, eidem
" super hoc fieri faciatis. Teste meipso, apud Bra-
" burne, ... Septembris, anno regni nostri
" tricesimo."

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[1] *optinendam* in MS.

Fol. 191 a.

Commission given to Brother Adam de Tewyng.

" . . . . nos, Johannes, permissione divina, Abbas " Monasterii Sancti Albani, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, una " cum omnibus . . . , pertinentis, dilectum fratrem " nostrum, et commonachum, [1] Adam de Tewynge, pro- " curatorem nostrum ordinavimus . . . ad subscripta, " dantes eidem potestatem, nomine nostro, et monasterii " nostri antedicti, et pro jure ipsius . . . commina- " tis seu illatis, vel etiam inferendis, appellandi, et " omnibus quorum interest appellationes . . . . in- " terpositas, seu interponendas, notificandi, et quotiens " opus fuerit innovandi, et alia faciendi . . . . " nequeunt explicari; ratum habituri, et firmum, quod " dictus procurator, nostro et monasterii nostri nomine, " [duxerit faci]endum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigil- " lum nostrum duximus apponendum. Data apud " Sanctum Albanum, [anno] Domini millesimo trecen- " tesimo secundo."

Fol. 193 a.

Part of the account of John de Stithenache, Cellarer, as to expenditure of moneys received from the Abbot's manors, 29 and 30 Edward I.

Primo, in debitis solutis pro anno præterito, xlviii. *li.* ii. *s.* ii. *d.* Item, pro allece de Gernemuthe, ii. *li.* x. *s.* Item, pro xlii. ponderibus casei, xix. *li.* iii. *s.* vi. *d.* Item, pro sexaginta carcosiis bovinis, xviii. *li.*, pretium cujuslibet, vi. *s.* Item, pro quinquaginta et sex carcosiis emptis de maneriis domini, xiiii. *li.*, pretium cujuslibet, v. *s.* Item, pro septingentis carcosiis multonum, xi. *li.* xiii. *s.* iiii. *d.*, pretium cujuslibet, iiii. *d.* Item, pro porcis de maneriis,

[1] See the *Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. II. p. 21, as to his rebellion against John de Berkhamstede, the preceding Abbot.

x. *li.* Item, pro iiii. [1] millibus de allece albo, xxiiii. *s.* Item, pro sale empto, v. *li.* Item, pro duabus libris de croco, xiii. *s.* iiii. *d.* Item, pro . . . . cistis de [2] Blaneye usque Londonias, xii. *s.* viii. *d.* Item, in expensis Simonis Dode versus Blakeneye, v. *s.* Item, pro reparatione lardarii per totum annum, xxii. *s.* iii. *d.* Item, pro c. de [3] amygdalis, xii. *s.* Item, pro octoginta et ii. parvis lupis aquaticis, ad [4] stagnum Domini Abbatis, xxx. *s.* ii. *d.* Item, pro *entermes* operariorum in Quadragesima, iii. *s.* vi. *d.* Item, pro uno plumbo in lardario, iii. *s.* iii. *d.* Item, in una rete, xvi. *d.* Item, liberati Johanni de Barneburge, pro liberatione sua, xxiii. septimanarum, xl. *s.* ix. *d.* Item, Waltero de Brutewelle, pro xii. septimanis, v. *s.*

Fol. 193 a.

Acknowledgment given for moneys borrowed of Florentine Merchants. A.D. 1303.

" [Noverint] universi, quod nos, Johannes, miseratione
" divina, Abbas Domus Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci
" Conventus . . . Lincolniensis Diœcesis, fatemur
" et recognoscimus nos teneri Philippo Gerardini et
" Johanni Grandone . . . . sociis, civibus et mer-
" catoribus Florentinis, de Societate Spinorum de Flo-
" rentia, in centum . . . et legalium sterlingorum
" coronatorum Angliæ, quas nobis, ex eorum speciali
" curialitate . . . mutua verunt tempore confectio-
" nis præsentium, et quas, in usum et utilitatem ec-
" clesiæ nostræ prædictæ, protestamur [fuisse] conver-
" sas, exceptioni non habitæ et non receptæ pecuniæ
" penitus renunciantes; quas . . . libras sterlingo-

[1] This word is doubtful.

[2] Blakēneye, in Norfolk, is probably meant; the item being, for the carriage of so many chests of salted herrings from Blakeney to the Abbot's hostel in London.

[3] *amigdalis* in MS.

[4] *stangnum* in MS.

" rum promittimus et tenemur per legitimam stipula-
" tionem reddere et paiare prædictis . . . . uni
" eorum, aut eorum certo attornato, has litteras habenti,
" et nobis restituenti, apud Londonias . . . . a die
" Nativitatis Johannis Baptistæ in . . . . quindecim
" dies, anno Gratiæ millesimo trecentesimo tertio, sine
" dilatione. [Quod] si non fecerimus, obligamus eisdem
" mercatoribus et eorum sociis, ac societati, nos et eccle-
" siam nostram . . . et omnia bona nostra, tam eccle-
" siastica quam mundana, ubicunque reperta, distrin-
" genda, deti[nenda] . . . . . sine strepitu judiciali
" adjudicanda per singulos judices, tam . . . . sæcu-
" lares, in quorum potestate inveniantur, usque ad plenam
" solutionem totius pecuniæ . . . . . et expensas, si
" quæ vel quas incurrerint et fecerint, ... pe-
" cuniæ illius, sicuti suo simplici verbo dicere volue-
" runt, omni exceptioni . . . . inhibitioni, et in-
" dulto, penitus et expresse renunciantes. In cujus rei
" testimonium, ... Capituli nostri, una cum
" sigillo Abbatis, apposuimus. Data apud Sanctum
" Albanum publice . . . Idus Maii, anno Gratiæ
" prænominato."

Fol. 195 b.

Memorandnm as to certain Earls of Arundel.

Anno Domini millesimo centesimo septuagesimo sexto, quarto Idus Octobris, apud Waverle, obiit Willelmus Comes Arundel, et sepultus est apud Wymond[ham].

Anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo vicesimo primo obiit Willelmus de Albeneio, Comes Arundelliæ, in partibus transmarinis, a Damiata rediens ; cujus corpus per Thomam, monachum de Sancto Albano, in Angliam transportatur, apud Wemondham, Prioratum Sancti Albani.

Anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo quadragesimo tertio, Nonis Maii, obiit Hugo de Albeneio, Comes

Arundelliæ, et apud Wymund[ham], Cellam Sancti Albani, est. sepultus; anno regni Regis Henrici Tertii vicesimo septimo.

Fol. 196 b.

[1] *Payment of Christmas rents by the various Manors in the form of poultry.*

[Redditu]s gallorum et [gallinaru]m ad Natale.—

De Norton xlv. Inde Conventus xxx., et Abbas xv.

De Cayshoo xxiiii. Inde Conventus xvi., et Abbas viii.

De Codicote xxv. Inde Conventus xvii., et Abbas viii.

De Waldene xxv. Inde Conventus xvii., et Abbas viii.

De Rikemersworthe xlviii. Inde Conventus xxxii., Abbas [xvi.]

De Hextonestone xl. Inde Conventus xxvi., Abbas xiiii.

De Newenham xxi. Inde Conventus xiiii., Abbas vii.

De Sandrugge xlviii. Inde Conventus xxxii., Abbas xvi.

Ita et de omnibus Conventus recipiet duas partes, et Abbas tertiam . . . . porcorum, gallinarum, de Cellerario Abbatis.[2]

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[1] Date about A.D. 1304.

[2] In fols. 197, 198 there is a long account of the proceedings of William le Curzun, the King's Escheator, at Wymundham, on the death of Adam Poleyn, the Prior. See the account, from another source, in Hearne's *Otterbourne* and *Whethamstede*, Vol. II. p. 743.

Fol. 200 b.

Grant of the Castle and town of Hertford to Queen Margaret.

" A Reverend Piere en Dieu, le Abbe de Seint Auban,
" e au Covent de meisme la lue . . . . [Senes]chal ma
" Dame la [1] Royne, salutz, ove totes reverences. Pur
" ceo que nostre Seigneur le Roy ad [graunte] a ma
" dite dame le Chastiel et la ville de Hertford, ove
" totes les apertenaunces, si come [plus] plenement est
" contenu en le brefe le Roy, quel jeo vous envey ;
" [2] [jeo] vous pri, de par ma da[me, qe] vous facez
" venir toutz les tenauns, fraunks et autres, icest Jeodi
" prochein apres la Seint . . . . devant moy a Hertford,
" a faire a ma dite dame ceo qe de droit feare deivent.
" Et [moustrez] ceste lettre, et le brefe le Roy qe de ceo
" vous vient. Escrit a Puntfreint, lendemein de . . . ."

[Translation.]

" To the Reverend Father in God, the Abbot of Saint
" Alban's, and to the Convent of the same place, ...
" Seneschal of my Lady the Queen, greeting, with all
" reverence. Forasmuch as our Lord the King has granted
" to my said lady the Castle and the vill of Hertford, with all
" the appurtenances, as is more fully contained in the
" King's writ, which I send you; I pray you, on behalf of
" my lady, that you will cause to come all the tenants, free
" and others, this Thursday next after the Holy . . . .
" before me at Hertford, to do unto my said lady that which
" of right they ought to do. And shew this letter, and the
" King's writ which comes to you thereupon. Written at
" Puntfreint, the morrow of . . . ."

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[1] Queen Margaret, the second wife of Edward the First.

[2] Omitted in MS.

Fol. 200 b.

Charge of trespass against certain monks of St. Alban's.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hi-
" berniæ, et Dux Aquitanniæ, Johanni, eadem gratia,
" Abbati de Sancto Albano [salutem. Man]damus
" vobis, quod venire faciatis coram dilecto et fideli
" nostro, Radulpho de Sandwico, et sociis suis, Jus-
" tic[iariis nostris], apud [1] Crucem Lapideam, die Sab-
" bati proxima Post Festum Assumptionis Beatæ
" Mariæ, Johannem Steven[ache, Thomam] de Bon-
" yngdone, et Robertum de Saunford, commonachos
" vestros, ad respondendum Humfrido de [Boun, Comiti]
" Herefordiæ et Essexiæ, et Elisabethæ, uxori suæ,
" de placito transgressionis. Et habeatis ibi hoc
" breve . . . . Sandwico, apud Capellam Sanctæ Mariæ
" de Matefelun extra Alegate, xi° die Augusti . . . ."

" J. de Bassige, Vicecomes Hertfordiæ, Ballivo liber-
" tatis Sancti Albani, salutem. Mandatum Radulpho
" de Sandwico . . . . . ' Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex
" ' Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, et Dux Aquitanniæ,
" ' Vicecomiti Hertfordiæ, salutem. Præcipimus tibi
" ' quod dilecto et fideli nostro, Radulpho de Sandwico,
" ' et sociis suis, Justiciariis nostris ad transgressionem
" ' parci de . . . . . terminandam assignatis,
" ' apud Crucem Lapideam, die Sabbati proxima post
" ' Festum Assumptionis Beatæ [Mariæ] . . . . . de
" ' Sancto Albano, Johannem de Stevenache, Thomam
" ' de Bonyngdone, et Robertum de Saunford, ad re-
" ' spondendum Humfredo de Boun, Comiti Herefordiæ
" ' et Essexiæ, et Elisabeth, uxori ejus, de placito
" ' . . . . et Elisabeth, per præfatos Abbatem et com-
" ' monachos suos in parco prædicto illata. Et habeas
" ' [ibi hoc breve] . . . . de Sandwyco, apud Capel-
" ' lam Beatæ Mariæ de Matefelun extra Alegate, xi°.

[1] The Stone Cross in the Strand, opposite the hostel of the Bishops of Coventry, on the site of the gates of the present King's College.

" 'die Augusti.' Quare tibi mando, quod mandatum
" istud diligenter exequaris."

Fol. 201 b.

A Letter, describing the recent movements of Robert de Brus, Earl of Carrick, in opposition to Edward the First.

" [1] A son trecher ami, si lui plest, qant qil soit et
" poet, de honours, reverens, et chieres amiste. Sire,
" les nov[eles] de cestes parties sont teles, qe le Counte
" de Carrike tient les Chasteux le Roi, de Dounfres, de
" Are, et le Chastel de Dalswyntone, qi feust a Monsire
" Johan Comyn, et le Chastel de Tibres, qest [a Mons]ire
" Richard Sywarde; et tient le dit Monsire Richard et
" Monsire Willeam de Baillol en prisoun, si com avaunt
" fist; et des vitailes que furent en Chastel de Are, est
" en la vile en meyns de marchaunz, bien a . . . . .
" de vyns et autres . . . a graunt plente ad il fait vi-
" tailler son chastel de [2] Loghendoun en Carrike, et le

[Translation.]

" To his very dear friend, if so it please him, as much as
" may and can be, of honour, reverence, and dear friendship.
" Sir, the news from these parts is such, that the Earl of Car-
" rik holds the Castles of the King, of Dounfres, of Are, and
" the Castle of Dalswyntone, which belonged to Messire
" John Comyn, and the Castle of Tibres, which belongs to
" Messire Richard Sywarde; and holds the said Messire
" Richard and Messire William de Baillol in prison, as before
" he did; and as to the victuals which were in the Castle of
" Are, the same are in the town in the hands of merchants,
" readily to . . . . . ,' with wines and other . . in great
" plenty he has caused to be victualled his castle of Logh-

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[1] There is no indication by whom, or to whom, this Letter is addressed. It was probably written in the year 1298, shortly after Robert de Brus, Earl of Carrick, had joined the cause of Wallace and the other Scottish insurgents against the rule of King Edward the First.

[2] Lochmaben, probably, is meant.

" Chastel de Ananorby . . . . pur graunte temps ; le " qel chastel d'Ananerbi a pent au Roi, et a sa corone ; " mes le Roi le granta a un Ma[ncelom] Coyllan par " fause suggestion, sauntz enqueste : le quel Mancelom " lad chaunge of le Counte pur autre, et le Counte de " Carrike ad ostei en [1] Gaweye, pur faire lever les gentz " ove lui ; mes eux lount respon[du] . . . accord, qe " james contre le Roi ne leverount au nul vivant, si il " eynt par temps aide du Roi . . . se tendrount, taunt " qe noveles les veignent du Roi ; et le Conseil le Roi " lour ad assigne . . . gardeynes deux meismes, e il " se tiegnent bien payes.

" Sire, le Counte de Carrike ad este a Gla[scu] . . en " celes parties, e ad pris feaute des gentz ou il est " venuz, et les ad charge . . . daler ove lui, ov lour " vivre de ix. jours, quele hure qil soient garnyz de un " jour, et de . . . . Le Meneys [2] evesqe se tient

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[Translation.]

" endoun in Carrike, and the Castle of Ananorby . . . for a " long time ; the which castle of Ananerbi belongs to the King, " and to his crown ; but the King granted it to one Mancelom " Coyllan, upon false suggestion, without inquisition : the which " Mancelom has changed it with the Earl for another, and the " Earl of Carrike has taken him into Gaweye, to make the " people rise with him ; but they have answered him [with " one] accord, that never will they rise against the King for any " living person, if they have timely aid from the King . . . . " they will hold out, until news comes to them from the King ; " and the Council of the King has assigned them . . . two " guardians, and they hold themselves to be well requited.

" Sir, the Earl of Carrike has been to Glascu . . in these " parts, and has taken fealty of the people where he has " come, and has charged them . . . . to go with him, with " their provisions for nine days, at what time they have one " day's warning, and to . . . . The . . . . Bishop keeps

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[1] Galloway.

[2] Probably, Wishart, Bishop of Glasgow, is meant.

" a Glascu, son chiefe consailer, et le Counte vient sovent
" a . . . et lour consail ensemble, et quillent tot le
" pouer qil pouent de totes pars. Et Monsire Robert
" . . . Coroner de Maldeclyd, ad emble le Chastel
" de Rothereseye par mer, fesaunt entendre a ceux
" . . . pur vitailler le dite chastel, de par Monsire
" Adam Gordone. Et le dit Monsire Robert . . . sa
" tot . . . J. de Conyngham ount assege le Chastel
" dYenerkyp, et Monsire Adam Gordon et . . . .
" meintenant qe socour lui viegne de par le Roi.

" Sire, Monsire Johan de Moubray est en Lidesdale
" . . . [Ingel]ram [1] Domframvile, et ount quille lour
" pouer, et chivaucherount si tost com il averount no-
" veles, qe serra bien par temps, qar il se tiegnent bien et
" loiaument, et se aparaillent de chivaucher . . . Counte
" de [2] Boghan et le Counte [3] d'Azheles sont acordez et
" entre miez de vinre a la . . . lent, quant qil pou-

[TRANSLATION.]

" himself at Glascu, his chief counsellor, and the Earl comes
" often to . . . . and their counsel together, and they gather
" all the force they can from all parts. And Messire Robert
" . . . . Coroner of Maldeclyd, has taken the Castle of
" Rothereseye by sea, giving them to understand . . . . . .
" to victual the said castle, on part of Messire Adam Gordone.
" And the said Messire Robert . . . . his whole . . . . . .
" J. de Conyngham have besieged the Castle of Yenerkyp, and
" Messire Adam Gordon and . . . . until succour comes to
" him from the King.

" Sir, Messire John de Moubray is in Lidesdale . . .
" Ingelram Domframvile, and they have collected their forces,
" and will ride forth as soon as they have news, which will be
" very soon, for they conduct themselves well and loyally, and
" are ready to ride forth . . . Earl of Boghan and the Earl
" of Azheles are agreed and inter-allied to come to the . . . .,

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[1] De Umfraville.
[2] Buchan.
[3] Athol.

" ont, ensemblement ove Monsire Alisaundre dAbermon
" et Monsire David . . . lour pouer de chivaucher
" bien par temps, issint qe eux, Monsire Johan de
" Moubray, of tot . . . cea la mer, ensemblerount, ou
" il verront qe mieut soit, par acord, de chivaucher
" hastive[ment, ove] Dieu, countre les enemis.

" Sire, le Counte Patrike est assigne gardeyn des
" Countes Rok[esburgh] et Selkyrke, Monsire Water
" de Borghdene ad enpris la garde de cel de Selkyrke,
" et de le . . . . et Monsire Simon [1] Frisel est
" dever nous a Berewyke, et Monsire Robert le filz
" . . . . celes parties, ov c. hommes a piee de
" Northumbreland, qe serront a Berewyke le . . . .
" rester cy, ou aler qele part qe mieutz soit au profit
" le Roi. Les chasteux le Roi, Be[rewyk], Jeddeworthe,
" [2] Botheuile, Kyrcontcellaghe, Edenebbrghe, [3] Lynlescu,
" e [4] Estrivelyn, sont . . . choses, issint qil ne

[Translation.]

" as soon as they can, together with Messire Alexander
" d'Abermon and Messire David . . . . their forces to ride
" forth at an early time, so that they, Messire John de Mou-
" bray, with all . . . on this side of the sea, will collect
" together, where they shall see it best, by agreement, to ride
" forth in haste, with God, against the enemies.

" Sir, the Earl Patrick is assigned warden of the Counties
" of Rokesburgh and Selkyrke, Messire Walter de Borghdene
" has undertaken the guard of that of Selkyrke, and of the
" . . . . . and Messire Simon Frisel is with us at
" Berwyk, and Messire Robert the son . . . these parts,
" with one hundred men on foot of Northumberland, who will
" be at Berewyke the . . . to remain here, or go wherever
" is best for the profit of the King. The castles of the King,
" Berewyk, Jeddeworthe, Botheuile, Kyrconcellaghe, Edene-
" burghe, Lynlescu, and Estrivelin, are . . . . things, . . . ,

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[1] Or Fraser.
[2] Bothwell.
[3] Linlithgow.
[4] Stirling.

" averount gard, taunt qe noveles viegnent du Roi . .
" cleiser, et le . . . sumes a Berewyke en aforsaunt
" le pel et les gardes de la vile et du chastel . . . .
" la vile, les queux nous trovoms de boen volunte
" . . . . . qe vous averez bones noveles bien
" par temps, si ceux qi . . . . . a qeu chose jeo
" ne nie ose afier, mes si tost com . . . . entendu
" de . . .

" Sire, coment qe home vous face entendaunt du
" dite Comte de Carrike, ne q[e] se afforce dappro-
" prier le roiaume dEscoce, et destre Roi . . . . .
" le consail, le . . . qil fist deliverer les ministres
" le Roi, et les chasteux le Roi, en sa mayn . . . .
" viles qe furent a Monsire Johan Comyn, et deyvent
" estre au Roi par la mort le dit Monsire Johan, qe
" Dieux assoille . . [a] ceo, Sire, nad nil respons
" maunde. Sire, meismes la chose lui maunda le
" Chaumbeleyn, par sa lettre, qaunt . . . les noveles,

[Translation.]

" so that they will have no guard, until news comes from the
" King . . . to close, and the . . . . we are at Berewyke,
" strengthening the wall and the wards of the town and of
" the castle, ... the town, whom we find of good
" will . . . that you will have good news at an early time,
" if those who . . . . in which thing I do not dare
" trust, but as soon as . . . . heard from . . . .

" Sir, although they make you to understand of the said
" Earl of Carrike, that he is not in haste to appropriate the
" kingdom of Scotland, and to be King . . . . the counsel
" . . . . that he caused to be delivered up the ministers
" of the King, and the castles of the King, into his hand
" . . . . towns that belonged to Messire John Comyn,
" and ought to belong to the King by the death of the said
" Messire John, whom may God assoil . . . . to this,
" Sir, he has no answer sent. Sir, the same thing as a message
" the Chamberlain sent unto him, by his letter, ...

" et il respoundi qil prendroit chasteux, viles, et gentz,
" qaunt qil pout, et qil se aforcereyt qaunt qil pout,
" taunt qe le Roi lui eust maunde sa volunte de sa
" demaunde ; et si il ne lui vout graunter, il se defen-
" droit de plus lo[ng] bastoun qil eust. . . . . .

" Sire, il fait trere hors des Chasteux de Dom-
" fres, Are, Dalswyng[ton,] et Tibres, qaunt qil treve
" qe soit boen, et fet garnir ces chasteux demene, et
" bie a destrure les avaunt [ditz] chasteux, au plus
" tost qe le pouer le Roi vendra celes parties. Le jour
" qe ceste lettre fust faite, Monsire de Menetethe me
" maunda qe le Counte de Carrike fust passe la mer
" ove lx. hommes darmes, et Sire, ... la
" soient bons ; a queu chose jeo ne me fi pas ; il avera
" entre eux petit duree. Le Samadi [avaunt qe ce]
" lettre fust faite, le Counte de Carrike vient a Glascu,
" et levesqe le dona absolucion pleyniement, ...
" et le fist jurer qil esterroit al ordinaunce de la clergie

[Translation.]

" the news, and he answered that he would take castles,
" towns, and people, so much as he might, and that he would
" exert himself as much as he might, until the King had sent
" word to him as to his will upon his demand ; and if he
" would not grant him the same, he would defend himself with
" the longest stick he had.

" Sir, he causes to be drawn out of the Castles of Domfres,
" Are, Dalswyngton, and Tibres, as much as he finds that
" is good, and causes his own castles to be supplied, and
" intends to destroy the aforesaid castles, as soon as ever
" the King's forces shall come into these parts. The day that
" this letter was made, Messire de Menetethe sent me word
" that the Earl of Carrike had passed the sea with sixty
" men-at-arms, and Sir . . . . are good ; in which thing
" I do not put trust ; he will have among them but little stay.
" The Saturday before this letter was made, the Earl of
" Carrike came to Glascu, and the Bishop gave him plenary
" absolution . . . . and made him swear that he
" would stand by the ordinance of the clergy of Scotland, and

" de Escoce, et lasoitter come . . . . ast bien,
" purchacer son heritage en totes les maneres qil pout;
" et mangeront ensemble, et peus . . . . . parti
" pur passer lewe de Forthe; et com il vient a [1] Dom-
" britaigne, il maunda [Alexaun]dre de Lyndesaye a
" Monsire Water Logan, a demaunder le chastel, et
" qe Sire Johan de Mene[teth] . . . hors, en
" trewe, de parler ovesqes eux; mes il ne se voleit
" assentir, mes lour graunta, en trewe, [de venir] si
" pres du chastel, qil pout oyr dedenz ceo qil voleynt
" dire de hors. Et il vindrent, et de . . . le
" chastel al eos lour seignour et Monsire Johan les
" respoundi, qil avoit le chastel du beal le [roi, et
" a nu]l autre, ne le voleit il rendre mes a lui, si il
" ne portast lettre du Graunte Seal le Roi, issint [qil
" seit] descharge en la manere qil fust charge . . .
" sen departirent, saunz plus dire. A Dieu, qi vous
" gard. Escrite a Berewyke . . . de Marz.

[TRANSLATION.]

" . . . . as . . . . well, to gain his heritage in all
" the manners that he might; and they ate together, and then
" . . . . set out to pass the water of Forthe; and as he
" came to Dombritaigne, he sent Alexander de Lyndesaye to
" Messire Walter Logan, to demand the castle, and that Sir
" John de Meneteth . . . . out, on truce, to speak with
" them; but he would not assent, but granted them, on truce,
" to come so near to the castle, that he could hear within
" that which they would say without. And they came, and
" from . . . the castle to them their lord and Messire
" John answered them, that he had the castle as the trust
" of the King, and to no other would he render it, but
" only to him, unless he bore a letter under the Great Seal
" of the King, that so he might be discharged in the
" manner that he was charged . . . they departed, with-
" out saying more. Unto God, who preserve you. Written
" at Berewyke . . . . . of March."

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[1] Dumbarton.

Fol. 202 b.

Summons to the Abbot of St. Alban's, to be present at the ceremony of conferring knighthood on Edward, Prince of Wales. A.D. 1306.

"Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiber-
" niæ, et Dux Aquitaniæ, dilecto sibi in Christo, Abbati
" de Sancto Albano, [1] [salutem]. Quia ordinavimus quod
" Edwardus, filius noster primogenitus, in Festo Pente-
" costes proximo futuro, Deo pro[pitio], militiæ cingulo
" decoretur, per quod, de jure coronæ nostræ in hujus-
" modi casu, auxilium nobis fieri debeat, vobis manda-
" mus, in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini,
" firmiter injungentes, quod, in crastino . . . .
" proximo futuro, sitis, in propria persona vestra, coram
" nobis et Consilio nostro, apud Westmonasterium, ad
" tractandum et ordinandum, una cum aliis prælatis,
" magnatibus, et proceribus, de regno nostro, de
" auxilio nobis in . . . . prædicto faciendo, et ad
" consentiendum hiis quæ ibidem in hac parte conti-
" gerit ordinari; vel procuratores et attornatos vestros,
" a vobis sufficientem potestatem habentes, et instruc-
" tos ad præmissa facienda, ibidem mittatis: et habeas
" ibi hoc breve. Teste meipso, apud Wyntoniam,
" sexto die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo [trecen-
" tesimo sexto].

Fol. 203 b.

Tenure of a Knight's Fee in Crokesle.

Petronilla de Aumveyle, Beatrix de Schelford, Johanna de Waumcy:—istæ tres sorores tenebant tres partes feodi unius militis in Crokesle, Oxeye, Byssey, et Mykelfeld.

[1] Omitted in MS.

Fol. 210 a.

[1] *Letter in reference to the treatment of Pope Boniface the Eighth by William de* [2] *Longaret, and the King of France.*

". . . et honour, cum a noble home et sage, et a sun
" trecher seignour. Sachez, Sire, qe le Roy de Fraunce
" . . . Samady devaunt la Trinite, ove sa dosime
" des chevalers, en Consistorie prive devaunt la Pape,
" . . . ses Chardinaus la, lene Monsir Williem Lun-
" garet, qe prit la Pape, et demaunda de par . . . .
" pur luy, e pur ces heyres, les dimes de Seynt Eglise.
" Dautre part, il demaunda le primer . . . . le
" spiritualte qe cherunt en soen realme. La tierce, qe il
" voleyt aver la primer voys [qant] nul Apostoyle sereyt
" fet. La quarte est, qe la Pape Boneface ne fut pas
" Pape, mes fut . . . et ceo provera; ceo dist il, e
" sur ceo demaunde qe ces os seyent pris et ars, et
" la pouder engeste . . . . les confirmations qe il

[Translation.]

" . . . . and honour, as to a noble man and wise, and
" unto his very dear lord. Know, Sir, that the King of
" France . . . Saturday before the Trinity, with his twelve
" knights, in private Consistory before the Pope . . . . his
" Cardinals there, the elder Messire William Lungaret, who took
" the Pope, and demanded on the part of . . . . for himself,
" and for his heirs, the tenths of Holy Church. On the other
" hand, he demanded the first . . . . . the spiritualty that shall
" fall in his realm. The third, that he wished to have the first
" voice, when any Pope should be made. The fourth is, that
" the Pope Boneface was not Pope, but was . . . . and this he
" will prove; this he said, and thereupon demands that his
" bones might be taken and burnt, and the dust thrown into . .
" the confirmations that he made, he will prove that they will

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[1] See the Volume of *Rishanger*, in this Series, pp. 216–220, 483–491.

[2] Also called "Nogaret," by some authorities.

" fist, il provera qe il ne sunt pas atenir. Oyaunt
" cest chose, la Pape . . . de chaunter ' *Veni Creator*,'
" ove tous les Chardinaus. La quinte, qe il ne voleit qe
" le [Ercheveske] de [1] Ruan de Normandie, cosin nostre
" Sire la Pape, fust remue de cest Ercheveske . . .
" Le pur quoy, pur ceo qe il est Gascoyns, e de la
" funte de la realme dEngleterre . . . dist qe le
" Ercheveke de Ruan il ad le pouer de Normandie tote
" en sa mayn . . . furent demaundez le Samady, avaunt
" none, mes nule respounce nest done. Fet . . .
" jour de la Trinite. Autre noveles ne vous sey
" maunder, cum a cest houre, mes a plus . . averay,
" jeo les vous escrivera. Mut vous merci de touz
" honours qe vous festes a mes amys . . . jeo pri a
" Dieu qe Il vous eyt en sa garde."

[Translation.]

" not hold. Hearing this thing, the Pope . . . to sing
" ' *Veni Creator*,' with all the Cardinals. The fifth, because
" he would not that the Archbishop of Ruan in Normandy,
" cousin of our Lord the Pope, should be removed from this
" Archbishopric . . . The reason why, because that he is a
" Gascon, and of the . . . . of the kingdom of England
" . . . said that the Archbishop of Ruan has the power of
" Normandy all in his hand . . . were demanded on the
" Saturday, before noon, but no answer is given. Done . . .
" . . . the day of the Trinity. Other news I know not to
" send you, as at this moment, but as soon as . . . . I shall
" have it, I will write it to you. Much I thank you for all
" honours that you do to my friends . . . I pray God that
" He will have you in his keeping."

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[1] Rouen.

Fol. 212 a.

Notification to the Abbot of Saint Alban's, to be present at the Coronation of Edward the Second. A.D. 1308.

" [Edward]us, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, *et cætera*, " dilecto sibi in Christo, Abbati de Sancto Albano, sa- " lutem. Quia firmiter credimus et . . . concepto " coronationis et consecrationis munere, Summi Regis " potentia virtuosa in regimine populi regni . . . " semper in melius diriget actus nostros, ac nos, die " Dominica proxima post instans Festum Sancti Va- " [lentini, apud] Westmonasterium, proponimus, auc- " tore Domino, coronari, vobis mandamus, firmiter in- " jungentes, quod hujusmodi Co[ronationis] [1] solemniis, " dictis die et loco celebrandis, personaliter intersitis. " Et hoc, sicuti nos et honorem nostrum [diligitis, " nu]llatenus omittatis, Teste meipso, apud Dovorre, " xviii. die Januarii, anno regni nostri primo."

Fol. 214 a.

Retractation by Alexander de Bewyk.

" [[2] Sachez touz ceux qi ce]ste lettre [ver]ront ou " orrount, qe cum jeo, Alisaundre de Bewyke, esteie " baillife et receivour lAbbe e le Covente de Seint Au- " ban . . . . Herteburne e de Eglyngeham, en " Northumbrelaunde, le dist Abbe me fist appeler al " accounte rendre de les biens deinz . . . . . Tyen, " devaunt [3] Dann William de Kyrkeby, moyn de Seyn

[Translation.]

" Know all those who this letter shall see or hear, that " whereas I, Alexander de Bewyke, was bailiff and receiver " of the Abbot and the Convent of Saint Alban's . . . [of] " Herteburne and of Eglyngeham, in Northumberland, the said " Abbot had me called to render account for the goods in . . . " Tyen, before Dan William de Kyrkeby, monk of Saint Al-

[1] *solempniis* in MS.
[2] The date is A.D. 1307 or 8.
[3] Equivalent to " *Dompnus* " in Latin.

" Auban, Dann Johan de Acre, Suppriour de Tyne-
" mue . . . Viscunt de Northumbreland, e autres
" assignez pur le dist acounte oir: les queux audi-
" tours moy . . . . delaie . . . mars e pluis
" del dist acounte, deske jeo usse fait seurte de mesme
" ceuz arrerages, la greinure partie . . . . grante
" me . . . relesse par sa lettre daquitaunce. Et
" jeo puis, par fol conseil e mauveis abette, ay porte
" bref de [1]Imprisoner . . . . Dann Williem de
" Kyrkeby, e a tort, desicome le dist arestement fust
" fait solunc le dist Estatut, e ceo reconnusse jeo
" . . . [de]soremes, la suite du dist brief torse-
" nousement, cum est avauntdit, purchace. Issint qe
" jeo, Allisaundre avauntdit . . . . arestement
" solonc le dit Estatute, com est avauntdit, fait vers
" le dist Abbe, ou Dann Williem de Kyrkeby avaunt-
" nome . . . chalenger, ou action aver. E si aveyne,
" par fol consail ou mauveys abet, ou alcone autre

[Translation.]

" ban's, Dan John de Acre, Subprior of Tynemue . . . Sheriff
" of Northumberland, and others assigned the said account
" to hear: the which auditors . . . . me . . . .
" delay . . . marks and more of the said account, until
" I should have made surety for the same arrears, the greater
" part . . . grant me . . . a release by their letter
" of acquittance. And I then, by foolish counsel and evil
" abetting, brought a writ of Imprisonment [against] Dan
" William de Kyrkeby, and wrongfully, forasmuch as the said
" arrest was made according to the said Statute, and this I
" acknowledged . . . after, the suit of the said writ being
" tortiously entered upon, as is before-mentioned. So that I,
" the aforesaid Alexander . . . . . to challenge the arrest
" according to the said Statute, as is aforesaid, made against the
" said Abbot, or Dan William de Kyrkeby before-named, or any
" action to have. And if it should happen, by foolish counsel

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[1] This word is doubtful.

" manere, qe jeo, dit Allexandre . . . face, apres
" cest hure, suite de emprisonement vers lAbbe de
" Seint Auban qi pur temps serra, ou vers nul
" autre . . . . jeo me oblige e graunte, par ceste
" lettre, de rendre acounte au dit Abbe, qi pur temps
" serra, de tut le temps qe jeo . . . . eglises,
" saunz nule manere alloaunce aver daquitaunce qe
" jeo ay del dist Abbe, ou del Covent, de mes . . . .
" choses, a ceste lettre ay mis mon seal; par ices test-
" moynes, Johan le Mareschal, Nichole Cheval, Wauter
" . . . le Ferroun, Rauf de Hamptone, Roger le
" Taylour, Roger le Forester, Thomas de Colingham,
" Henry de Colyngham, . . Finch, Willem de Wen-
" done, Jemes le Blound, e autres. Done a Seint Au-
" ban, le uttime jour . . . . Edward, fiz le Roy
" Edward, primer."

[Translation.]

" or evil abetting, or any other manner, that I, the said Alexan-
" der, . . . should make, after this time, suit of imprisonment
" against the Abbot of Saint Alban's for the time being, or
" against any other . . . I bind myself and agree, by
" this letter, to render account unto the said Abbot, for the
" time being, for all the time that I . . . the churches,
" without in any manner having allowance of the acquittance
" that I have from the said Abbot, or from the Convent, of
" my . . . . [In witness of which] things, to this letter
" I have set my seal; before these witnesses, John le Mares-
" chal, Nicholas Cheval, Walter . . . . [1]le Ferroun,
" Ralph de Hamptone, Roger le Taylour, Roger le Forester,
" Thomas de Colingham, Henry de Colyngham, . . .
" Finch, William de Wendone, James le Blound, and others.
" Given at Saint Alban's, the eighth day . . . Edward,
" son of King Edward, the first."

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[1] Or, " the Ironmonger."

Fol. 215 b.

Letter from King Edward the Second, when on his expedition against Scotland. A.D. 1310.

" [1] Edward, par la grace de Dieu, Roy dEngleterre,
" Seignur dIrland, et Ducs dAquitaine, a nostre cher
" en Dieu . . . . . Pur ceo qe nous savoms bien
" qe vous oez volunters bones novelles de nostre estat,
" vous feisoms sa[ver] . . . du corps, la Dieu mercys,
" au partyr de cestes lettres, la queu chose . . . . . .
" chez nostre terre dEscoce, de Rokesborghe jusqes a
" Reynfreu, et dillocqes en retournant, jusqes a . . .
" destre demorez cest iver. Mes ore sumes nous con-
" seilez, ausi bien par nos bones gentz . . . . ceste
" iver a Berewyke sur Twede, et nostre chier e foial
" Monsire Pierus de Gavastone . . . . . a Rokes-
" bourghe, et le Counte de Gloucestre a Werke, ou a
" Norham. Et sachez qe nous avoms . . . . Chas-
" tels de Botheuille, de Kyrcontelaghe, [2] dEstrivelyn, de
" [3] Lilliscou, et de Ed[ynbourgh] . . . . acun de

[Translation.]

" Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of
" Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to our dearly beloved in
" God . . . . Forasmuch as we know well that you do hear
" willingly good news of our estate, we make you to know
" . . . in body, thanks to God, at the leaving of these letters,
" the which thing . . . . in our land of Scotland, from Rokes-
" borgh to Reynfreu, and from thence returning, to . . . to re-
" main this winter. But we are now counselled, as well by our
" good people . . . . this winter at Berewyke on Twede, and
" our dear and faithful Messire Pierus de Gavastone . . .
" . . at Rokesbourgh, and the Earl of Gloucester at Werk,
" or at Norham. And know that we have . . . .
" Castles of Botheuille, of Kyrcontelaghe, of Estrivelyn, of
" Lilliscou, and of Edynbourgh . . . . any of our people

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[1] The date is A.D. 1310.
[2] Stirling.
[3] Linlithgow.

" nos gentz a la ville de Seint Johan de Perthe, od
" graunt foison de gentz . . . . entendoms qe nos
" bosoines dEscoce se mesneront bien, al aide de nostre
" Seignur . . . xxvii. jour Decembre, lan de
" nostre [1] quart."

[TRANSLATION.]

" at the town of Saint John of Perthe, with a great multitude
" of people . . . . we understand that our business with
" Scotland will turn out well, by the aid of our Lord . . . .
" 27th day of December, in the fourth year of our reign."

Fol. 262 a.

Knight-service by the Abbot of St. Alban's at Berwick, A.D. 1304; *and in Wales,* A.D. 1257.

Apud Berwik.

Memorandum, quod, anno regni Regis Edwardi tricesimo primo, fecit Johannes de Marines, Abbas [2] [Sancti Albani], servitium sex militum apud Berewyke contra [2] [Scotos]; ubi Dominus Willelmus Melsope fecit servitium unius militis . . . le Broke, dando Domino Regi viginti libras pro dicto servitio. Et Abbas fecit servitium unius militis . . . Johanne de Watham-stede, qui tenet tenementum quondam H. de Stokes, pro scuto de Crokesle, et . . . Domino Regi viginti libras pro dicto servitio. Et Willelmus de Monte Acuto habuit acquietanciam a . . . unius militis pro hida quondam Comitissæ, in Langeleia. Et Abbas fecit servitium unius [militis pro] se et partionariis suis, scilicet, pro Childewike, dando Domino Regi viginti libras. Et Abbas fecit servitium unius militis pro scuto Tayllebois, in defectu tenentium illius scuti, qui quidem tenentes fecerunt finem cum . . . pro dicto

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[1] The word "*regne*" is omitted. | [2] Omitted in MS.

servitio per quoddam scriptum. Et Abbas fecit servitium unius militis pro feodo de Brutewelle [pro] Ricardo de Bacheworthe, dando Domino Regi viginti libras pro dicto servitio.

Subscripta continentur in [1]Libro ultimo nominato folio 198.—. . . . Henrici, filii Regis Johannis, quadragesimo primo, per breve Domini Regis vocati sunt omnes magnates Angliæ ad servitium militare in expeditione Walliæ contra Leuelinum, filium Griffini, et exercitum, suum qui . . . a fide Domini Regis, et terras prius Domino Regi concessas hostiliter invaserunt, et easdem combusserunt et occuparunt, et insuper, per proditionem indignam, stragem in Suwallia, juxta castrum [de K]ermerdin vocatam, et Resvanham, et complices suos [2]exercuerant. In qua strage milites strenui, Philippus Baucan et Robertus filius Roberti Noreys, et multi alii nobiles milites . . . . ad numerum millenarium, et amplius, recensiti, seditione sunt interfecti.

Præfixus est dies . . . Regis Angliæ, ut sit paratus cum equis et armis Die Sancti Petri ad Vincula, anno supradicto, apud Ces[triam] ; ad quem locum missus fuit Dominus J. de [3]Bulun, monachus Sancti Albani, eodem tempore, ad procurandum . . . . sex militum, in urbe Domino Regi eunti in exercitum in Walliam, sive Scotiam, tenetur. Et in . . . scilicet, die Martis proxima ante Festum Sancti Laurentii, anno supradicto, per dictum Dominum J. procurati sunt duo . . . . et lege militari decenter armati, et octo armigeri, quorum equi quatuor tam cum lineis armis quam, . . . cooperti, et eorundem armigerorum corpora, quædam cum armis

[1] This book is apparently one referred to in folio 260 a, at the top of the page, as "*Libro in quo con-*" *tinentur cartæ possessionum Monas-*" *terii Sancti Albani.*"—"Book of "the Charters of the possessions of "the Monastery of St. Alban's;" probably now no longer in existence. From fol. 260 a down to fol. 262 the context is in so mutilated a state, through the action of fire, as to be almost unintelligible.

[2] This passage is apparently defective.

[3] Called elsewhere "John de Bo-" lun," or "Bolum."

lineis, quædam ferreis, contra hostes . . . . hiis fuerunt duo balistarii, inter nobiles exercitus multum [1] commendati.

Die vero Martis . . . . tunc Angliæ Marescallo, et Domino Johanne de Verdonne, Constabulario principali . . . . . per dictum Dominum Johannem præsentatum fuit servitium Domini Abbatis supradicti, et ab ipis favorabiliter ad . . . et protestatione, quod milites separabuntur ab armigeris in aciebus, et [2] constabulariis . . . . ne armigeri militum essent stipendiati, sicut et alii mercede dum . . . . Præmuniti vero . . . armigeri sunt, in ostensione equorum et armorum tales apparerent, ne domini eorum per suum . . . . incurrerent Domini Regis indignationem.

Et sic procuratum est, per Dei gratiam, quod nullus armigerorum . . . ostensio[ne] reprobatus fuerat, vel repulsus, cum multi alii reprobarentur: immo, propter vigorem . . . . [Ma]rescallo fuerunt electi, et in sua constabularia constituti. Ipse autem Marescallus, et dictus J. de [Bulun] . . . principales, cum quibusdam aliis nobilibus, in prima acie belli, in qua armigeri Sancti Albani ordina[ti] . . . . . ante milites fuerunt in acie, cum Domino Thoma de Grelei et Henrico de Percy et . . . . . Notandumque quod pretium equorum in quibus sedebant armigeri ad minus ad . . . fecit ostentationem . . . . . tam milstum . . . . eorundem habebant equos de pretio decem marcarum. Quidam de . . . . armigerorum sunt hæc, [4] Nicolaus de la Mare, miles . . . . aundus, miles, Walterus de Stenecle, factus Constabularius per Marescallum . . . servientes de servitio alieno, Rogerus de Cottona, Willelmus Marescallus, balistarii, Walterus de Beningtona, Johannes de la Mare, et Ricardus de [5] Birencestre,

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[1] *comendati* in MS.

[2] Apparently, but somewhat indistinct.

[4] *Nicholaus* in MS.

[5] Probably now "Bicester," in Oxfordshire.

David Abrem . . . de Bule, armigeri. Isti omnes sunt conducti per dictum Dominum [1] J., quidam autem, pro majori . . . [quidam] pro minori. Deductis autem expensis circa dictam conductionem, et in itineratione versus Cestriam et alibi . . . . servitia [2] procurantium, expensæ sunt fere centum marcæ sterlingorum.[3]

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[1] John de Bulun.

[2] This word is doubtful.

[3] The matter that follows this is of a purely formal nature, as to the knight-service due from the Abbot; and the context is in so mutilated a condition, that a considerable portion of it is unintelligible.

APPENDIX (E).

[1] LETTERS WRITTEN BY JOHN WHETHAMSTEDE, ABBOT OF ST. ALBAN'S, DURING THE TIME OF HIS FIRST ABBACY, A.D. 1421–1440.

MS. Cotton. Claudius D. i. fols. 1–32.

Epistolæ Venerabilis Patris, Johannis Whethamstede, Abbatis, quas ipse misit aliis, scripsitque, pro diversis temporibus suæ prælationis.

Epistola directa ad Papam Martinum Quintum, in excusationem Archiepræsulis Cantuariensis.

[*A Letter addressed to Pope Martin the Fifth, in defence of the Archbishop of Canterbury.*]

"Sanctissimo in Christo Patri ac Domino, [2] Martino, "Divina Providentia, Pontifici Summo, concors cohors, "et unanimis, totius in Anglia collegii pastoralis, de- "vota pedum oscula beatorum, ac in summi solio "Præsulis testes admittere, reosque absolvere, cum "judicio Danielis.

"Pastor beatissime, summe, uniceque, Pontifex, et "indubitate.— Præcipit tenor Canonis, injungit juris "æquitas, ac requirit regula rationis, ut ubi, ex con- "fuso [3] Babylonis obloquio, egressa sit iniquitas, quæ, "cum impiis ambulans, impie accusat aliquem, et præ- "cipue cum famam ad infamiam deducere nititur præ-

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A considerable number of these Letters are also given in the text of John Amundesham (Vol. 1 *passim*), which is also included in this Manuscript, Claudius D. i.; such letters, consequently, are given twice over in the same Manuscript.

[2] Martin the Fifth (Otho Colonna) was Pope, A.D. 1417–1431.

[3] *Babilonis* in MS. Allusion is made to the confusion of tongues at the building of the Tower of Babel.

" sulis innocentis, ibi hii omnes qui aut spiritu pietatis
" pleni sunt, aut ex fonte caritatis aliquam compassionis
" guttulam exhauserunt, mox vocem aperiant in refugium,
" per expressumque contestentur qualiter qui taliter
" locuti sunt, falsum tulerunt testimonium contra eum.
" Intelligentes igitur, pastor [1] celeberrime, qualiter
" pater [2] communis, [3] Henricus, pastor [4] Cantuariensis,
" nuper, quod dolenter dicimus, iniqua perversorum, ne
" dicamus, [5] presbyterorum, significatione suggerente, stat
" apud vestram notatus Beatitudinem, quasi ipse, velut
" altera [6] Susanna, in pomario pastoralis regiminis se
" sub [7] tino avaritiæ inungeret sæpius quam statui
" pastorali competeret, sub prinoque pigritiæ pausaret,
" amplius quam Legato Sedis Apostolicæ, in promo-
" venda ejusdem Sedis libertate, congrueret aut liceret,
" cogimur nos omnes, ex lege perfectæ caritatis, spi-
" ritum Danielis assumere; in qua assumptione etsi
" illius responsum patris delatoribus, honestatis intuitu,
" dare non præsumimus, cum ipso tamen omnes audac-
" ter dicimus, quomodo hæc sinistra informatio ne-
" quaquam ex stipite processit stirpis Judæ, [8] immo,
" ex impio semine Canaan, quod similem in seipsum,
" quam infligere conatur in alterum, meretur suscipere
" nominis lapidationem. Quia, ut ex pura et absoluta
" loquamur conscientia, ac absque omni in ea parte
" acceptatione in persona, pater iste Cantuariensis tam
" est in opere efficax, et providus in dispensatione, ut a
" tota substantia regni, (licet a paucis, et forsan forin-
" secis, acciderit aliter divulgari,) fidelis censeatur dis-
" pensator, et prudens, qui et liberaliter escas tribuat
" ac distribuat pro triplici pastura commissi sibi gre-
" gis; tam humilis est etiam in verbis, et modestus in
" regimine, ut ab universo cleri collegio vocetur pater

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[1] *celiberime* in MS.
[2] *comunis* in MS.
[3] Henry Chicheley.
[4] *Cantuar* in MS.
[5] *presbiterorum* in MS.
[6] *History of Susanna*, i. 15.
[7] *History of Susanna*, i. 54, 58.
[8] *History of Susanna*, i. 56.

" pius, et pastor pacificus; cui in vinculo pacis omnes
" alii adhærent antistites, absque quacunque causa aut
" materia querulationis; tam fixus est insuper in fide,
" et in fidelitate solidus, ut sit orbi notum, urbique
" notorium, quam sit ipse fidelis filius ratione Ecclesiæ,
" jugiter pro viribus, quibus sufficiat, promovens ac
" procurans stabilimenta libertatis suæ.

" Eapropter, ne igniculus paternæ dilectionis, olim
" erga tam singularem pastorem in sanctuario vestri
" pectoris ardenter accensus, quibusvis obliquis cona-
" tibus tepescere incipiat, quod absit, sicque cogatur
" Pater Sanctus ea in ipsum credere quæ alias forsan
" concipere non vellet, has humiles testimoniales vestræ
" Sanctitati porrigimus, flexis rogantes genubus, qua-
" tinus earundem tenoribus plenam, quicquid alii obla-
" traverint, credentiæ fidem adhibere [1] velitis, virumque
" justum, injuste accusatum, justificare plenius in opi-
" nione vestræ justissimæ Sanctitatis; scituri pro vero,
" immo, pro verissimo, quomodo in hac justificationis
" sententia, firmiter, prout credimus, Danielis perficietis
" judicium, postque perfectionem, propter confusionem
" perversorum, cum Daniele, transferemini de lacu
" mundialis miseriæ pro voto feliciter ad gaudia regni
" cœlorum.

" Quod Ipse, post stadium transcursum, benignius
" dignetur annuere, Qui, dum in judicio salvos facit
" filios pauperum, habebit [2] calumniatorem, ex justitia,
" humiliari. Amen."

A Letter addressed by Abbot Whethamstede to Pope Martin the Fifth, asking certain privileges for the Benedictine Order and the Abbey of Saint Alban's.

" Sanctissimo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Martino, Sacrosanctæ Ecclesiæ, Divina Providentia,

[1] *vellitis* in MS. | [2] *calumpniatorem* in MS.

" Pontifici Summo, suæ creationis filius, servitorque
" continuus, Johannes, Abbas de Sancto Albano, [1] Ni-
" grorum Monachorum in Anglia Præsidens, licet in-
" dignus, acceptissimum obedientiæ reverentiæque sa-
" crificium, ac in Summi ministerio Præsulis offerre
" incensum Deo dignum, in odorem suavitatis.

" Ad portas paternæ Beatitudinis eo fiducialius pul-
" saturus accedit jam iterum infima vestra proles, quo
" dudum, dum in persona præsens ad pedes Apostolicas
" steterat, paternæ gratiæ januas ultro ei [2] habebat
" apertas, in omnibus quæ aut petere aut proponere co-
" ram vestra Beatitudine sua simplicitas præsumebat.
" Repulsat igitur de præsenti ex causa tali.—

" Nuper etenim in regno Angliæ, ea causante plebe,
" quæ aliis onera gravia imponere sollicitæ [3] sunt, nec
" tamen ea digito suo movere volunt, in tantum tur-
" bata ac tribulata erat Nigrorum Monachorum religio,
" ut, si non Ille de Sancto ei misisset auxilium, Qui
" prope est omnibus qui invocant Eum, oppressa fuisset
" funditus, jugumque oneris impositi, quasi ab ipsis
" importabile, excussissent protinus singuli professores
" ejus. Cum igitur, Pastor [4] celeberrime, viri sit poli-
" tici in ardore luminis ligna colligere contra frigora,
" in tempore pacis arma cudere contra prœlia, et, dum
" tacent detractorum turbines, talia impetrare remedia,
" quibus, si rursus insurgat tempestas similis, imperari
" poterit ut sileant singuli flatus ejus, ad pedes pater-
" næ Beatitudinis provolutus jaceo, jacendoque [5] humil-
" lime ac instantissime invoco et exoro, quatinus, de
" exuberantia pectoris ea qua soletis sæpius prævenire
" petentes, eam benedictionis gratiam dictæ digne-
" mini religioni diffundere, qua tueri se valeat contra

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[1] The Benedictines.

[2] In allusion to the Abbot's visit to Rome: see Amundesham, Vol. I., p. 148.

[3] Sic in MS.; in the plural.

[4] *celiberime* in MS.

[5] *humilime* in MS.

" turbationes similes, dicereque suis quæ valeat disci-
" pulis dicere.

" Gratia utique, quam in specie, pro parte Ordinis,
" a Patre Beatissimo petit infimus ejus filius, est, ut
" fiat, per vestræ potestatis plenitudinem, ratificatio,
" approbatio, ac confirmatio, super esu carnium et re-
" ceptione pecuniarum, in ea forma qua ab eadem
" plenitudine postulabitur in quadam Supplicatione
" privata. Pro Monasterio vero vestræ immediatæ sub-
" jectionis duas, cum præmissis, in spiritu humilitatis,
" exhibet Supplicationes, eidem ecclesiæ utiles valde, et
" satis [1] opportunas; quibus etiam invocat, ut, intuitu
" filialis precis, gratiosam, juxta petentis desiderium,
" apponat signaturam vestra præeminentia pastoralis;
" quam ad felix regimen Universalis Ecclesiæ felicem
" conservet in ævum, ac præservet, Filius Virginis
" gloriosæ. Amen."

A Letter addressed by William, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, to Pope Martin the Fifth, in reference to first-fruits.

" Sanctissimo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Martino, Divina Providentia, Universalis Ecclesiæ
" Pontifici Summo, suæ creationis filius, [2] Willelmus,
" Lichefeldensis Episcopus, acceptissimam honoris hos-
" tiam, devotissimamque subjectionis victimam, ac, se-
" cundum [3] ordinem Melchisedinum, summo coram Do-
" mino fungi sacerdotio in æternum.

" Pastor insignis, summeque Dei sacerdos hic in ter-
" ris.—Super Beati Petri cathedram judex præ cæteris
" est merito superpositus, qui cum petra justitiæ, qui

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[1] *oportunas* in MS.

[2] William Heyworth, late Abbot of St. Alban's; this Letter seems to have been penned for him by his successor.

[3] The order of Melchisedec. See *Hebrews* vii. 11.

" est Christus, non aliter novit in causis decidere, " quam, post masticationem litium, dictat sibi nuda " æquitas, persuadet plana veritas, ac lex illa sancta " sententiat, quæ judicat orbem terrarum in justitia, " et populos in æquitate. Coram namque tam justo " judice et æquo pastore si porrigendæ sunt preces, si " causa examinanda, si executioni mandanda, summa " omnia audit modestia, omnia concludit justitia, quia " pro tribunali præsidet, qui, cum [1] Propheta, diligit " judicium, et odio rapinam in holocaustum habet. " Similis conditionis in pluribus. Cum sit, prout testan- " tur plures, Pontifex de præsenti in Cathedra Beati " Petri sedens, qui causas coram eo propositas taliter " in statera justitiæ ponderat, quod neminem, vel fraude " vel dolo mediante, alterius cum jactura locupletari " permittat, [2] apud ejus Sanctitatem sumpsit suæ crea- " tionis filius infimus fiducialem in animo implorandi " audaciam pro justa decisione pendentis causæ, in qua, " pro augenda summa primorum fructuum supra debi- " tum, nititur, minus canonice, si fas sit ita dicere, " Vice-Camerarius eum in vestræ Sanctitatis Consistorio " infestare.

" Respexit etenim humilis vester filius inquisitiones " olim in ea parte captas ; perlegit acquietancias alias " in plenariam solutionem per Cameram Apostolicam " suis prædecessoribus concessas ; revolvit insuper Al- " bertinorum ac Florentinorum Kalendinaria ; dictoque " scripsit officiario, ut ipsum libenter contentaret, saltem " si in plenam solutionem acceptare vellet de simili " solutionis summa. [3] Sed ipse nihilominus, ad instar " talpæ, quæ, in humo caliginis effodiens, odit lucem " aspicere, versatur jugiter in antro erroris et obscuræ " cupidinis ; nec vult lucem veritatis intelligere quam- " cunque, vel sub sigillo [4] authentico, vel sub signo, " testis publici signatione.

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[1] *Isaiah* lxi. 8.
[2] *aput* in MS.
[3] *Set . . . . nichilominus* in MS.
[4] *autentico* in MS.

" Igitur, Pastor beatissime, ne subjudex iste, (qui in " suis subjudiciis non causam, ut videtur, sequitur, sed " prædam, quique sic munera diligit, ut sequatur sæpius " quam deceat retributionem,) cogat homines in remotis " sic feriare a celebritate vestri nominis, ut quam prius " festivius et cum chori regimine venerati fuerant, " posterius, devotione deposita, vix memoria simplici, " propter avaritiam cœcutientis ministri, sabbatizare " velit, educatis, invoco, quasi lumen, vestram justi- " tiam, et judicium, quasi meridiem, jubeatisque, pro " decisione dictæ causæ, dari celerius complementum " justitiæ; et in ævum duplicem faciet pastor infimus " pro [1] Supremo Pontifice in suis suffragiis de cætero " commemorationem. Casu quod hujus instantia advo- " cationis, quæ [2] obtentu exilis lucri non veretur offen- " dere legem Christi, ea causa gratiosum exitum [3] ob- " tinere nequeat, quam tam plane intentat veritas, et " planissime [4] apud vestram Sanctimoniam justitia re- " commendat;—immo, pro illius infirmatione quærun- " tur de longinquo testes, quorum attestationibus habeat " iniqua ferri sententia in præjudicium innocentis;— " eligit extunc vester filius, cum paterna benevolentia, " potius suscepto honori cedere, quam suis videret " temporibus filiam suæ ecclesiæ, hucusque liberam, sub " tanti tributi oneribus tam serviliter ancillare. Ma- " vult utique exuere personam Præsulis, et residuis " vitæ temporibus in pulvere conversari inter humiles, " quam quod dici posset cum imprecatione in poste- " terum, — ' Heu ! hujus prælati infaustis temporibus " ' primo subiit Lichefeldensis ecclesia istud servitutis " ' jugum.'

" Igitur, Pater unice, et Pastor [5] celeberrime, ut " humilis vestræ subjectionis filius talia vitare valeat

[1] *Suppremo* in MS.
[2] *optentu* in MS.
[3] *optinere* in MS.
[4] *aput* in MS.
[5] *celiberime* in MS.

" nominis dispendia, ecclesiaque, cui præsidet, absque
" nova impositione oneris frui solita libertate sua, velit,
" invoco, paterna justitia finaliter in dicta causa de-
" cidere quod sit errori obvium, juri consonum ; ad
" commodumque commune efficiens, ac ecclesiæ Liche-
" feldensi utile, expediens, et [1] opportunum. Et si ita
" exsurrexerit Dominus in judicio, et salvam fecerit
" causam sui servuli, cogitatio hominis confitebitur
" eum [2] æquum judicem, reliquiæque cogitationum diem
" festum agent sibi in æternum. In qua festivatione
" vos in cœlis canonizari concedat."

A Letter addressed to the Abbess and Convent of Syon, in Middlesex.

" Venerabilibus in Christo, [3] Johannæ, Abbatissæ Do-
" mus de Sancta Syon, [4] Thomæque, ejusdem loci Con-
" fessori, necnon singulis dictæ domus suppositis, præ-
" sentibus, præteritis, et futuris, Johannes, miseratione
" divina, Abbas exempti Monasterii Sancti Albani,
" Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolniensis [5] Diœcesis, et
" ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in hujus visceribus
" [6] lathomi, Qui dat gratiam coædificandi habitaculum
" Spiritus Sancti. Inter alia sanctitatis ædificia quæ
" vivis construuntur ex [7] lapidibus, illud, præ reliquis,
" in templum sanctum est excrescens in Domino, quod
" firma fide ponitur, quod spe recta erigitur, quodque
" circumcirca fraternæ caritatis fulcitur [8] columna, ac
" in eo lapide, in quo Syon sancta solet subsistere, non
" minus feliciter quam finaliter consummatur.

" Adversus utique hujuscemodi erectionis fabricam
" etsi flaverint venti ambitionis mundanæ, si inunda-

[1] *oportunum* in MS.
[2] *equm* in MS.
[3] Joanna North.
[4] Thomas Fishbourne ; see the *Chronicle* preceding Amundesham, Vol. I., p. 27.
[5] *Diocesis* in MS.
[6] *latomi*, if it were strictly a classical word.
[7] *lapadibus* in MS.
[8] *columpna* in MS.

" verint fluvii carnalis lasciviæ, si insurgat turbulenta
" tempestas [1] tentationis malignæ, et impingat in eam,
" non cadet; [2] Scriptura causam reddit—' Quia fundata
" ' est supra firmam petram.' In ea igitur caritate
" quæ ex Deo est, nos novellæ vestræ fabricæ fulci-
" mentum aliquod cupientes apponere, per quod, propter
" subsistentiam, super omnia tabernacula Jacob diligat
" Dominus portas Syon, eidem fabricæ [3] columnam fra-
" terni fœderis, utinam tam fortem quam formatam,
" [4] adjicimus, concedimusque, quantum cum Deo pote-
" rimus, vos omnes et singulos fieri nostrarum precum
" comparticipes; ac veluti vos junxistis nos vobis, et
" ita nos vos nobis in fidei speique vinculo jungimus
" ac conjungimus, in perpetua compagine caritatis; pro-
" mittendo insuper, quod ab hac hora in antea, in
" vigiliis, in jejuniis, in singulisque devotionibus nostris,
" erimus vestrorum omnium [5] commemores, faciemusque
" pro vobis in omnibus, quemadmodum facere solemus
" pro hiis qui nobis magis specifice uniuntur in sacro
" fœdere fraternitatis.

" Et licet nostræ fundationis fabrica per annos et
" annos, inter multiplices aeris passiones, illæsa, Deo
" tuente, steterit, et inconcussa, attamen, quia paries,
" in quanto veterior, in tanto ruinæ est proximior, nisi
" confestim, prout contigerint, cum cœmento et lapidi-
" bus rimæ patentes obturitionem sumant, [6] idcirco, ut,
" cum vestra novella Syon, nostra queat vetusta Ihe-
" rusalem perfectam habere subsistentiam in [7] idipsam,
" singulæque ejus incolæ videre valeant bona ejusdem
" omnibus diebus vitæ suæ, rogamus vos attentius, ac
" subrogamus subnixius, nobiscum [8] in perpetuum reci-
" proce vestrarum precum de lapidibus et calceto con-
" dilectionis, adusto cum incendio vestræ flagrantissimæ

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[1] *temptationis* in MS.
[2] *Matthew* vii. 24, 25.
[3] *columpnam* in MS.
[4] *adicimus* in MS.
[5] *comemores* in MS.
[6] *iccirco* in MS.
[7] Sic in MS.
[8] *imperpetuum* in MS.

" caritatis. In qua, cum Deo pacis et dilectionis in
" ævum simul in unum felicissime valeatis, *et cætera.*"

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the House of Bedleem, in London.

" Religiosis viris et devotis, Thomæ, Domus de Bed-
" leem Priori, ejusdemque loci Conventui, suæ sancti-
" tatis veneratores humiles, Johannes, de Sancto Albano
" Abbas, totusque grex suus pusillus, recommendatio-
" nem humilem, cum honore. Viri perfecti, et patres
" devoti. — Labilis valde, mutabilis atque, cum sit
" humanæ conditionis progressio, ita ut interdum, et
" frequenter nimium, retrorsum revocet manum missam
" ad aratrum, si non, veluti excitationis stimulo, de-
" votæ precis pulsetur suffragio, et cœlibem habeat
" sanctimoniam, eam, cum se retraxerit, revocantem;
" nos contra hujus mundi retractionis dispendia de
" salubri cupientes remedio providere, bonorum virorum
" suffragia duximus devotius imploranda, quatinus, si
" nos inveniat, quod absit, invidiosus adversarius in
" sanctitatis operibus [1] negligentius sopientes, et ita
" nostram conetur desidiam [2] cribrare, velut triticum, eos
" habeamus pro nobis vigilantes in rogationibus, ac
" deprecantes invicem, ne nos sua valeat callida cribra-
" tione aliquando inducere in [3] tentationem.

" Inter quos viros, quia in vestræ sanctitatis suffra-
" giis ampliorem habemus fiduciam, confidimusque fir-
" miter sic vestris fulciri precibus, quod inceptum per
" nos sanctum propositum perducere valebimus finaliter
" ac feliciter ad perfectum, rogamus vos, ac subrogamus,
" in Sancti Salvatoris visceribus, ut nobiscum, quatinus
" nobis non deficiat fides nostra, vigilare [4] velitis sal-
" tem vel [5] una hora: et pro vobis reciproce rogare

[1] *necgligentius* in MS.
[2] *Luke* xxii. 31.
[3] *temptationem* in MS.
[4] *vellitis* in MS.
[5] *Matthew* xxv. 40.

" nos promittimus, quatenus de domo vestra Bedleemi-
" tica talis dux exire valeat, qui et vos et vestros,
" præsentes, præteritos, et futuros, in bono regere, ac
" in perfecto confirmare, queat. Quod Ipse *et cætera.*"

A Letter addressed to the Prior and Convent of Saint Augustine's, at Canterbury.

" Venerabilibus in Christo fratribus, [1] Georgio, Priori
" Monasterii Sancti Augustini, de Cantuaria, ejusdem-
" que loci Conventui, sui zelator honoris, Johannes, de
" Sancto Albano Abbas, felicem pro voto successum, ac
" in unanimitate spiritus, cum Auctore pacis, procedere
" ad electionem. In Christo amicissimi, ex cordisque
" visceribus condilecti.—Audivimus, quod cum cordis
" amaritudine dicimus, quomodo, eo excitante spiritu
" qui est ad divisionem pronior, in viduato jam vestro
" collegio facta est inter [2] Daton discipulos gravis con-
" tentio, quis eorum videbitur [3] in posterum ibidem
" fore [4] major.

" Quare, fratres, nos, in hiis vitalibus quibus vobis
" afficimur, cupientes istius litis [5] scintillam sopire pe-
" nitus, et vos ad spiritus reducere unanimitatem, ac
" ad perfectam concordiam caritatis, statuimus primo
" ante vestros oculos præterita illa dedecora quibus
" dudum ludibrium facti fuistis universo populo, dum
" divisi, discordesque, stabatis sub penultimo pastore
" vestro. Adducimus secundo enormia illa scandala,
" quibus nedum vos, quinimmo et nos, ac Ordo totus,
" affligemur infallibiliter [3] in posterum, si non, prius-
" quam evadat in flammam, solliciti sitis extinguere
" igniculum litis inter vos, [6] proh dolor! jam fumantem.

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[1] Probably, George Pensherst, afterwards Abbot.
[2] Dathan; *Numbers* xvi. 1, 12.
[3] *imposterum* in MS.
[4] In allusion to *Mark* ix. 34.
[5] *sintillam* in MS.
[6] *proth* in MS.

" Adjicimus hiis ulterius, ac apponimus ante vestræ
" aciem rationis, quam sit jocosum æmulis, quam dolo-
" rosum benevolis, quamque ministratorium obloquii, ac
" occasione plenum ad tollendum patrimonium Ihesu
" Christi, ubi propter majoritatem gradus sic sibi ad
" invicem contentiose agunt fratres.

" [1] Hortamur igitur vos omnes, in Sancti Salvatoris
" visceribus, in proprii excitamus nominis honorem, ac
" ex parte totius requirimus religionis, quatinus, Illius
" verbis correpti, Qui dixit,—' [2] Væ homini illi per quem
" ' scandalum venit,' omnem, pudore præmissorum, sub-
" moveatis contentionis materiam, in eaque caritate
" quæ non agit perperam, procedatis unanimiter ac ca-
" nonice ad instantem electionem vestram ; electuri
" non hunc quidem quem caro vobis suggesserit, aut
" sanguis, immo, ipsum quem spiritus Patris Summi,
" qui est in cœlis, placuerit revelare vobis ; ipsum, vide-
" licet, qui sit castus in corpore, prudens in opere,
" modestus in moribus, et sapiens in sermone ; quique
" etiam id jubere studeat, quod in libro legis inscri-
" bitur, priusquam tamen jubere incipiat, propria jussa
" perficiat, ne, cum aliis prædicaverit, ipse reprobus
" inveniatur ; quique insuper injustorum moribus sic
" servire sciat, ut, cum [3] Apostolo, omnia fiat omnibus,
" quatinus omnes in Christo elucrari queat.

" Sub tali namque, tantoque, pastore paulisper jam
" ægrotans reviviscet religio, impudenter se ingerens
" succumbet ambitio ; liteque sopita, redibit de exilio
" caritas, ac in Deo pacis et dilectionis habitabitis vos
" omnes unanimiter in una domo. Ex adverso utique,
" si hiis salubribus adquiescere [4] negligitis consiliis, et,
" ad instar populi duræ cervicis, sanctum rejicitis Samue-
" lem, ac Saulem reprobum omnino super vos regnare
" vultis, extunc in ira indignationis veniet ad vos

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[1] *Oriamur* in MS.
[2] *Matthew* xviii. 7.
[3] 1 *Cor.* ix. 22.
[4] *necligitis* in MS.

" Dominus, facietque ut ille qui optat inter vos major
" fieri, fiet sicut junior, et qui aspirat ut in grege sit
" præcessor, subsequetur a retro, etiamsi [1] ab humero
" sursum [2] præemineat omni populo, ac subserviet,
" velut ministrator.

" Quibus viis jam vobis expositis, eligatis, consuli-
" mus, eam quæ elatos humiliat, et exaltat humiles, quæ
" subtiles postponit, et præacceptat simplices, quæque
" nec ira sternitur nec odio, favore non atteritur, nec
" pretio, immo, recto calle in ipsum vota dirigit, qui,
" cum Petro, linquit [3] retia, et, veluti alter [4] Aaron,
" virgam floridam in dextera manu gerit."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Monastery of Christ Church, at Canterbury.

" Venerabili in Christo patri, [5] Johanni, Ecclesiæ Christi
" Cantuariæ Priori, suus unus et unicus, Johannes,
" de Sancto Albano Abbas, recommendationem humi-
" lem, cum honore. Venerabilis Domine, et Pater in
" Christo sinceriter prædilecte.—Quia propinquior vo-
" bis proximus, et, ratione fundationis vestræ, in primo
" gradu consanguineus, homo, videlicet, evangelicus, qui
" moram trahit prope vestros muros, dum nuper ab
" urbe pacis ad [6] oppidum dissensionis descenderat, in-
" felici heu ! omine, in latrones incidit ; per quos, quod
" dolendum est, et spoliatus fama nominis, et vulne-
" ratus plaga litis, graviter valde fuit ; rogamus vos,
" ac obsecramus in Domino Ihesu, quatinus vos, inter
" alios qui prætereunt, velitis [7] Samaritani personam
" [8] assumere, hancque cum eo agere misericordiam, qua
" contra singula sua dispendia congrua consolationis

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[1] In allusion to 1 *Samuel* x. 23.
[2] *premineat* in MS.
[3] *Mark* i. 18.
[4] *Numbers* xvii. 8.
[5] Either John Wodnesburgh, or John Salisbury ; probably, the former.
[6] *opidum dissencionis* in MS.
[7] In allusion to *Luke* x. 33.
[8] *assume* in MS.

" remedia per vos se sentiat suscepisse. In agendo " utique taliter, curam ejus merebimini multipliciter, " bene novimus, apud Deum ; cunctisque quærentibus " 'quis est ejus [1] proximus,' dabitur pro responso proti- " nus, 'Vos, qui fecistis misericordiam in eum.'

" E contrario, si, ad instar ingrati sacerdotis, vel " Levitæ, clausis pertransitis palpebris, nec curaveritis " in ægrotum pietatis viscera exercere, extunc dicetur " a variis, non absque vestri forsan læsura nominis, " quomodo in curationem cognati sanguinis nequaquam " vel duos denarios expendere dignum ducitis ; immo " magis, veluti vicinus invidus, quod tamen nos non " credimus, doletis de successibus, et congaudetis de " jactura, ejus.

" Quare, Pater, in declinatione hujusmodi reportatio- " nis sinistræ, consulimus, [2] hortamur, ac suggerimus, " quatinus, litis ligatis vulneribus, virum sanctum in " vestræ consultationis jumento conducere [3] velitis ad " concordiæ stabulum, vestrasque etsi non auri aut " thesauri pecunias, cordis tamen et [4] corporis expen- " datis impensas, ad consolationem proximi elanguen- " tis ; non prius cessaturi, prout rogamus, ab impensis, " quam per vestra pia suffragia fiat in fratribus, plus " quam corpore jam divisis, cor unum, et anima una. " Et si aliquid ulterius, aut in pecuniis aut in suffra- " giis, supererogaveritis in expensis, erit Ille vobis retri- " butor largifluus, non diffidimus, Qui docet nos nostros " veluti nos ipsos diligere proximos in visceribus pieta- " tis. In quibus visceribus, cum Domino, in æternum " felicissime valeatis. Scriptum [*et cætera*]."

A Letter addressed to the Obedientiaries of the Monastery of Saint Alban's.

See the *Annales* of Amundesham, Vol. I. Appendix (A), p. 411.

[1] *Luke* x. 36.
[2] *ortamur* in MS.
[3] *vellitis* in MS.
[4] *corperis* in MS.

A Letter addressed to John, Archbishop of York.

"Honorabilissimo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino [1] Johanni, Divina Providentia, Archiepiscopo Eboracensi, ac Cancellario regni, suus servitor humilis, Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, seipsum in obsequium sua singula ad omnia genera mandatorum. Venerabilissime Domine, et Pater sincerissime prædilecte.—Inter alia recordandæ bonitatis beneficia, quibus favor paternus suum sæpius locupletavit filium, illud restat præcipue, perpetuaque commemoratione dignum, quo dum novus sinistræ reportationis titinillus fragmina verborum recollegerat, quibus per garritum in vestris auribus opinionem paternam erga filialem innocentiam sinistraliter infirmaret, vos, ea lege instructi, quæ jubet in omni amfractu litium partem alteram citra diffinitivam sententiam judicialiter exaudiri, vestrarum clausistis januas aurium, nec promptum dedistis sibi ingressum, prout voluit, licet pulsaret improbe, et peteret perfide reserationem.

"De illo susurratore perfido, Simone de T., Pater Reverendissime, censeo; qui, postquam [2] causam inter me et Abbatem de Westmonasterio, super quadam juxta aquas contradictionis furcarum positione, [3] apud vestram Reverentiam promovendam, præmio suscepto, sumpserat, ipse spiritu fallacis Symonis ductus, immo verius, doctus, ad partem contrariam se convertit; ubi ampliori donatus munere, cor vestrum indifferens ad partialitatem flectere clandestinis suggestionibus laborabat. [4] Sed quam stabilis, quamque immobilis, in ea parte permansit paterna bonitas, ex eo manifeste pernotuit, quo, dum iste ambisinister dextralem meæ causæ particulam in positionem con-

[1] John Kemp, Archbishop of York, A.D. 1426-51, and Lord Chancellor.
[2] See Amundesham, Vol. I. pp. 14, 35, and Vol. II. pp. 127, *et seq.*
[3] *aput* in MS.
[4] *Set* in MS.

" trariam pellere coram vestra Reverentia staret solli-
" citus, vos, in spiritu diserti cognoscentes concilii qua-
" liter verba oris ejus iniquitas et dolus, quomodoque
" in hac sollicitudine mentita sibi esset iniquitas, dix-
" istis, ut reportavit Magister Johannes W., vester
" familiaris, nequaquam pugnam litis esse æquam,—

" [1]—— Ubi tu pulsas, ego tantum vapulo,"

" neque rixam legis fore similem, ubi instanter accusat
" actor, et nullus reo datur locus, ut compareat in ju-
" dicio, cum responso.—' Priusquam igitur in defensam
" ' veniat vir ille venerabilis, cujus causam cunctanter
" ' tu accusas, non decet nos, nec poterimus, qui uni-
" ' cuique debitores sumus justitiæ, ullam dare creden-
" ' tiam verbis tuis.'

" O dictum juridicum ! et perpetua veneratione dig-
" num. O verbum canonicum ! et merito inter sacros
" Canones incorporandum. O responsum grave ! et
" uberiori refertum sensus suavitate; in quo et reus
" in absentia advocatum [2]sensit, et actor in præsentia
" sibi alias cautius accusandi regulam comparavit. Ve-
" rum, Pater, etsi factiosus iste, vulpecula, vulpecula-
" riter hoc dictum [3]dissimulet, nec, ad cumulum ho-
" noris dominici, suæ causa confusionis, reportare velit,
" attamen tam radiose in partibus, ad instar luminis,
" verbum istud diffunditur circumquaque, ut ubi [4]apud
" judicem aliquem vir bilinguis causam intentaverit
" impiam, et cor illius flectere [5]molitur ad curvamen,
" mox judex credentiam differet, dicetque, — ' Pro-
" ' verbium est Domini Cancellarii, — Audi alteram
" ' partem.'

" Quam partem, Pater et Pastor venerabilis, postquam
" seriose et absque fallacia æquivocationis audiveritis,
" investigaveritisque quæ sit nostræ causæ longitudo,
" latitudo, sublimitas, et profundum, sitis, invoco, pro

[1] Juvenal, *Sat.* iii. l. 289.
[2] *censit* in MS.
[3] *dissimilet* in MS.
[4] *aput* in MS.
[5] *mollitur* in MS.

" parte mea, absque ulteriori strepitu judicii, judex
" [1] mihi summarius, et, sub omni [2] hypotheca bonorum,
" habiturus sum ratum et gratum quodcunque descen-
" derit gravius, postquam, cum justitiæ ponderibus,
" æquanimiter libraveritis totius litis materiam in
" stateris vestris.

" Casu quo ille satelles Sathanæ, qui se in angelum
" lucis transformaverat, ut vos dolosis suis mediis in
" favorem causæ iniquæ, et in odium exiguæ meæ
" personæ, facilius inclinaret, hiis respuerit mediis pacis
" adquiescere, nec velit mecum vestræ decisionis in
" omni eventu præstolari decretum, extunc, ut vir
" sapiens, conjecturetis ex hiis paucis, in qua parte vide-
" tur verisimilius sublatere juris veritas, et huic, invoco,
" qualitercunque sibilus subdoli serpentis susurrave-
" rit, favorabiliter, si placeat, adhæreatis; in futuro
" imponentes, si vultis, modum et formam, quibus
" utilius, pro vitandis expensis superfluis, valeam jus
" meum defendere; et cum omni devotione in ipsos
" consentiam, etiamsi jubeatis a favore patriæ, quo
" non mediocriter jam suffulcior, me recedere, ponere-
" que causam sub alea tractatus ambigui, finalemque
" arbitrorum præstolari sententiam; dum tamen, in casu
" discordiæ, nequaquam vestram tædeat Dominationem
" imparis officium exercere.

" Sicque, Pater, [3] qualiacunque de mea simplici per-
" sona sinistre reportata fuerint, dextraliter tamen
" semper gradiar, promptusque ero in omnibus ad con-
" sentiendum hiis mediis quæ Deo et paci, clero et
" Ordini, vestræque amandissimæ complacere [4] poterunt
" Paternitati. Quam *et cætera.*"

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[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *ypoteca* in MS.
[3] *qualicunque* in MS.
[4] *poterint* in MS.

A Letter addressed to the Scholars studying at Gloucester College, Oxford.

" Venerabilibus in Christo fratribus, amicisque sincerissime prædilectis, singulis [1] Scholaribus in [2] Collegio " Gloucestriæ, Oxoniæ, studentibus, suæ zelator pacis, " Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, felices pro voto " successus, ac sub conductione cœlestis agricolæ in " vesperam a mane unanimiter in [3] vinea Domini labo- " rare. In Christo desiderabiles, immo, et desidera- " tissimi.—Velocis crescentiæ sit quamvis tribulus, de " facilique evadens in ramum altum, multum tamen " nocivus est seminibus, semperque, ex malitia sui " generis, nitens pro viribus puræ segetis suffocare " granum. Similem, fratres, suffocationis advertentes " naturam in omni [4] privigno pacis et filio litis, in con- " gregatione, sitis, [5] hortamur, [6] in posterum, quemad- " modum suscepimus eratis jamdudum, benevoli cum " vestro Præposito cooperatores, et assidui, ad eradi- " candum explantandumque cognatæ malitiæ surculum, " si quis talis de relictis radicibus [6] in posterum suc- " crescere contigerit, quod absit, in vestro culturæ " [7] hortulo; et præmiabit vos Dominus, non diffidimus, " cum sero [8] [tempus] solutionis pervenerit, denario pro " laboribus adoptato.

" Quemadmodum etenim providus cœlestis culturæ " dominus nequaquam sibi vult de stipendio vesper- " tino attribui, qui vel una diei horula in sua non " studuerit vinea operari, sic nullum a condigna mer- " cede rejicit, qui, vel mane vel vespera, vel aliqua " diei horula, secum in suo [9] pomario devote pro viri-

[1] *Scolaribus* in MS.
[2] See Amundesham, Vol. I. pp. 34, 40, 57; Vol. II. pp. 256, 264.
[3] *Matthew* xx. 1.
[4] *previgno* in MS.
[5] *ortamur* in MS.
[6] *imposterum* in MS.
[7] *ortulo* in MS.
[8] Omitted in MS.
[9] *pomerio* in MS.

" bus desudavit. Sub spe igitur retributionis Domi-
" nicæ, jugiter, perseveranterque, in vinea cœlestis
" agricolæ cultores, carissimi, laborate, *et cætera.*"

A Letter addressed to Master Hugh de Stenis, Doctor of Medicine.

" Venerabili viro, Magistro Hugoni de Stenis, egregio
" Doctori in Medicinis, Johannes, de Sancto Albano
" Abbas, post felicem pro voto successum, ea ægro
" vita fias, et resurrectio, quibus posterius consequaris
" felicius quæcunque poposceris ab ipso Deo.—Domine,
" si hic præsens fuisses, quando contra meam familiam
" primitus insidias posuerat spiritus ægritudinis, nequa-
" quam modo languidus fuisset frater meus; immo,
" statissime sanus ab omni quo jam vexatur genere
" infirmitatis.

" Nunc, ecce! Domine, etsi non quatridianus in
" monumento [1] fœtens jacuerit, per quatuordecim tamen
" ferme dies febricitans in lecto decubuit, quotidie
" cum vitæ fastidio id expectans momentum temporis,
" quo, revoluto corporis lapide, juberet spiritui Auctor
" vitæ, — 'Lazare, amice, veni foras.' Tuam igitur,
" Domine, rogamus fraternitatem, quatinus, ad exci-
" tandum naturam in ægro [2] somniferam, velis in nos-
" tram Judæam ascendere iterum, et præter grates
" sororeas quas recipies multiplices, multos in tuam
" personam, propter excitationis miraculum, credere
" faciemus."

A Letter addressed to Richard, Abbot of Abingdon.

" Præhonorabili in Christo Patri, [3] Ricardo, Abbati
" Abingdoniæ, Johannes, Albanensis, Nigrorum Mona-

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[1] In allusion to *John* xi. 39.
[2] *sompniferam* in MS.
[3] Richard Boxore; he died about A.D. 1427.

" chorum in Anglia Præsidens, rêverentiam debitam,
" cum honore.—Commissi nobis cura regiminis mentem
" nostram vehementer sollicitat, ut super certis excessibus, in quibus, prout suscepimus, grex vester pusillus
" notabiliter stat suspectus, breves vobis apices pro
" aliquali reformationis remedio scriberemus.

" Suscepimus namque, etsi non ab ore Altissimi, ab
" ejus tamen labiis qui cum Altissimo loquitur, et vobis
" afficitur in visceribus Ihesu Christi, quomodo in caula
" vestri collegii sunt fratres aliqui, qui, postquam se
" elongaverunt a viis hominum, et fugerunt, ne in escis
" gentium contaminarentur, usque claustrum, nunc rursus, quod dolenter dicimus, ad semitas relictas redeunt, [1] in medioque populi [2] polluta gerunt labia, claustrique calcatis liminibus, conversantur, plus quam
" decet, inter gentes, gentiliterque nimis vivunt.

" Sunt etiam et alii, qui, etsi nequaquam claustrum
" frequenter exeunt, in claustro tamen minus claustraliter [3] resident, huic vacantes vitio [4] quod maxime
" inimicatur animæ, [5] et ita, lectione, orationeque, post-
" positis, extunc, tam alias, rursus accendunt [6] scintillam
" pruriginis, et carnem contumacem reddunt.

" Sunt insuper et cæteri, qui, juxta Regulæ [7] consilium, diligenter intendunt labori manuum; in ea
" tamen intentione animi, quia quæ sua sunt quæ-
" runt, et non quæ Ihesu Christi. A voto spontaneæ
" paupertatis excidunt, et ita in [8] sterquilinio, cum
" monacho proprietario, sibi sepulturam sumunt. Ve-
" rum, Pater, si taliter triplicatum vel duplicatum sit
" vestræ gubernationis collegium, quod absit, non est
" vestrum tunc claustrum, prout putavimus, virtutum

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[1] Repeated in MS.
[2] *poluta* in MS.
[3] *imo student* originally, but with expunctory marks.
[4] *quæ* in MS.
[5] *otium studio præfert*, precedes this word, but with expunctory marks.
[6] *sintillam* in MS.
[7] *concilium* in MS.
[8] *sterculinio* in MS.

" [1] schola, et domus disciplinæ regularis, immo amplius,
" Petri [2] lintheum, quod plenum erat reptilium, Pro-
" phetæque paries, in quo, post [3] effossionem, pessimæ
" scelerum et excessuum apparuerant [4] abominationes.
" Quæ, quæsumus, [5] abominatio major inter monachos,
" quam ut hii qui se dedicarunt in obsequium Deo,
" suasque consecrarunt linguas ad loquendum sancta,
" et ad culpandum malum, jam labia sua aperirent
" ad scurrilia, claustrumque exeuntes, et conversantes
" inter gentes, linguas suas contaminarent in hiis tur-
" pibus quæ vel histriones puderent dicere, vel nugæ-
" geruli pigerent exspuere in fœtida facultate sua?
" Qualis, quærimus, abusio pejor quam ubi hii, qui ideo
" de mundo recesserunt, ut tam otium quam ignaviam,
" omnemque aliam aciem invadentem animam, salu-
" briter devitarent, jam hiis vitiis vacant præcipue,
" nec volunt vel lectioni, quæ mentem reficit, vel ora-
" tioni, quæ [6] tentationi resistit, vel unica diei horula,
" indulgere? Quæ, deposcimus, [5] abominatio tetrior, aut
" abusio deterior, quam ubi ipsi qui se [7] complantave-
" runt similitudine paupertatis Christi, voveruntque
" [8] nihil in bonis habere amplius præterquam cum
" Christo loculos in communi, jam de labore manuum
" congregaverunt sibi peculium, possidentque ipsi pecu-
" nias, ut possideantur ab ipso qui [9] causat in sæculo
" prævaricationes?
" Nonne primi sic claustrum sunt egressi, qui eam
" transgrediuntur regulam, quæ verba scurrilia, et risum
" moventia, omnibus in locis interdicit, nec quemquam
" discipulum ad tale obsequium vel aperire os suum per-
" mittit? Nunquid secundi sic sanctæ Regulæ adiscunt
" monita, quod regularis monitionis dediscunt [10] consilia,

[1] *scola* in MS.
[2] *Acts* x. 11, 12.
[3] *efossionem* in MS. *Ezekiel* viii. 8, 9.
[4] *abhominationes* in MS.
[5] *abhominatio* in MS.
[6] *temptationi* in MS.
[7] *conplantaverunt* in MS.
[8] *nichil* in MS.
[9] *cāt* in MS.
[10] *concilia* in MS.

" in quibus suggeritur ut fratri desidioso, et nolenti
" litteras legere, injungatur aliquid operis quod faciat,
" ne, otio vacans, sit sibi ipsi nedum inutilis, immo
" etiam, alios extollat? Nonne, similiter, et tertii ea
" mente Mammona iniquitatis possident, qua eum
" patrem ad iracundiam provocent, qui prohibet quem-
" quam commonachum aliquid suscipere quod Abbas
" non dederit, aut permiserit possidere?

" Igitur, Pater, cum ad nostrum respiciat quicquid
" a discipulis delinquitur, ad Abbatemque attineat
" claustrales corrigere, cum in claustro minus claus-
" traliter conversantur, excitamus vos, ac sollicitamus,
" in illius præceptoris præcordiis, qui mandat ut mag-
" nopere gerat Abbas sollicitudinem, ne de commissis
" sibi pecoribus vel minimam amittat [1] gregis biden-
" tem, quatinus, pro supradictorum reformatione ex-
" cessuum, velitis primitus exponere omnibus in
" communi, quam grande sit malum Deo vovere, et
" nequaquam posterius, post votum promissum, Deo
" reddere; quam grave delictum, iter regularis disci-
" plinæ arripere, et tamen iterum citra transcursum
" stadium irregulariter retroire; [2] quamque immane sit
" peccatum, et detestabile crimen, tam otium exspuere,
" quam peculium, et tamen rursus, post nauseam, ad
" istar [3] canis fœtidi, sordidum reglutire sputum.

" Deinde, post hanc expositionem generalem, pro ple-
" niori horum exstirpatione abusuum, significetis sin-
" gulis seorsum in singulari, quomodo hii regulares
" discipuli qui labia sua in linguis [4] gentiis polluunt,
" et extendunt linguas, ac [5] loquuntur quæ non pro-
" sunt, magistrum potius vendicant [6] Thrasonem, co-
" micum, quam patrem eximium Benedictum; sæpius-

[1] *gregios* in MS.
[2] *quamquam* in MS.
[3] 2 *Peter* ii. 22.
[4] Sic in MS.
[5] *locuntur* in MS.
[6] In allusion to Thraso, a boaster, and Gnatho, a parasite and flatterer, characters in the *Eunuchus* of Terence.

" que conversantur in [1] scholis [2] Gnathonis, quam in " studiis monachicis, ubi, ut præmittitur, verba scur- " rilia, et risum moventia, æternam subeunt sententiam " [3] damnationis.

" Hii vero qui vacant otio, et sub gremio ignem " fovent, proniores sunt ad expugnandum castrum [4] Tay- " dis, quam ad contemplandum in claustro Ordinis, " aptioresque existunt, ut, cum Epicuræis, felicitatem " in voluptate statuant, quam ut, cum [5] Stoicis, qui " versantur jugiter in memoria mortis, similes virtu- " tum meditationes agant. Hii utique, qui, [6] Giezi " lepra percussi, partem de lucro laboris manuum ante " pedes Abbatis jaciunt, partem tamen in privatum " proprietatis usum sibi, contra Regulæ præcepta, re- " servant, nec, cum Crate Thebano, divitias demer- " gunt inter aquas æquoris, ne ipsi demergantur ab " ipsis, nec, [7] cum Anaxagora philosopho, videntes pe- " culiares pecunias per manus Abbatis sibi ablatas, " dicere solent,—' Non essemus nos salvi, nisi pecuniæ " ' istæ sic periissent'; immo, aut cum [8] Cyro [9] aurum " letifere hauriunt, quia aurum proprietarie sitiunt, aut " cum Tantalo aquas [10] Stygias incolant, quia latens " proprietatis peculium, propter avidam habendi am- " bitionem, revelare nolunt.

" Et postquam sic a genere descenderitis usque speciem, " non erit opus, ut speramus, saltem [11] fi vel [12] scintilla " adhuc remaneat ruboris ulterius exacuere asperitatis " linguam. Quod ipse Pastor pro voto feliciter annuat, " Qui *et cætera.*"

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[1] *scolis* in MS.

[2] *Gnatonis* in MS.

[3] *dampnationis* in MS.

[4] Query the locality; " Gades " may possibly be meant.

[5] *Storcis* in MS.

[6] Gehazi, 2 *Kings*, v. 27.

[7] Repeated in MS.

[8] *Ciro.* In allusion, probably, to the death of King Cyrus; his head (according to one version of his death) being thrown by the Queen of the Massagetæ into a cauldron of blood, not gold.

[9] *aurium* in MS.

[10] *Stigias* in MS.

[11] For the Greek *phi*, signifying, apparently, a particle.

[12] *sintilla* in MS.

A Letter addressed to the brethren of the Cell of T[ynemouth.]

"Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, fratribus in "Cella suæ subjectionis de T. regulariter conversantibus, "eum refectionis stomachum quo regularia duntaxat "prandeant, nec ulterius Judaice [1] appetant post ollas "carnium aut peponum.—Ex mala manducandi libidine "hoc habet interim aries gregis avidior sensualiter sibi "insitum, ut concessa quamvis pascua sibi videantur "exuberanter sufficere, libenter tamen per amfractus "sepium irruit, seque plerumque illicite reficit in sti-"pula segetis alienæ. Similem manducationis stoma-"chum etsi in cunctis intueri contigerit, qui, ad instar "sexus fragilis, vehementes habent pronitates ad res "singulas quæ prohibentur ipsis, in illis tamen præci-"pue, et principalissime, qui, regulari refectionis non "contenti edulio, [2] septa claustri exeunt, in locoque "vetito, ac a jure eis penitus interdicto, anormala "scandalosaque fercula extraordinarie sibi sumunt.

"Hii etenim, quasi [3] lethargiam passi, obliti sunt "quale fœdus contraxerunt cum Domino, ad instarque "viri elanguentis, ea quæ eis prohibentur gustare sol-"liciti sunt, ex inordinato appetitu suo. In ea tamen "sollicitudine, nequaquam Tobiæ similes, qui, inter "gentes conversatus, nunquam in Gentilium escis con-"taminatus fuerat, immo magis, huic transgressionis "populo, qui, in solitudine manna depastus angelico, "iterum post has quas coxerat in [4] Ægypto carnes, "non absque canina ingluvie, inhiabat.

"Eapropter, carissimi, ne vos, qui promisistis carnem "vestram cum vitiis et concupiscentiis crucifigere, "vovistisque ab hiis abstinere cibariis quæ pruritum "carnis provocant, et præoccupant spiritum in delec-

[1] *Exodus* xvi. 3.
[2] *cepta* in MS.
[3] *litargiam* in MS.
[4] *Egipto* in MS.

" tatione, eo, post hanc vestram votivam promissionem,
" appetitu prævenți sitis, quo, more delicati arietis,
" regularia ac licita fastidiatis pascua, optetisque, quod
" absit, iterum, cum plebe prævaricatrice, post ollas
" carnium et peponum; scribimus vobis has breves
" epistolas, attentius vos [1]hortantes sic stomachum
" mentis cœlestis reficere epulationis dulcedine, qua-
" tinus, si quid superfluum et nequaquam victui neces-
" sarium avidior sensus vobis gustandum porrexerit,
" cohibeatis vos infra fines modestiæ, pleneque cum hiis
" quæ apponuntur contenti stetis, et cum regularium
" ferculorum refectione nullatenus queruli, aut solliciti
" quid in crastino manducabitis aut bibetis.

" Quia sic Dominicum prætereuntes præceptum nedum
" pro Deo ventrem in diebus colitis, immo ulterius, in
" noctibus, plus quam decet perfectos, aut licet devotis,
" prohibitam Bachilatriam [2]somniatis. Ex cujus [3]som-
" niationis [4]imagine, si revolvetis attente, quanta
" obprobria accrescunt nomini per obloquia, qualia gra-
" vamina inserpunt nomini per superflua, quotaque
" dispendia menti inhærent, et spiritui, per ea quæ ex
" gulosis præmissis Venereæ inferuntur conclusioni; ne-
" quaquam [5]apud vos, prout fabulatur vulgariter, sen-
" sus cum sensualitate contraheret, neque appetitus in
" exitium spiritus per pabula pinguedinis bestialiter
" laboraret; immo potius, carnem cum penuriis, stoma-
" chumque crucifigeretis cum jejuniis, quam in ea parte
" aut ratio se subjiceret sensui, aut sensus qualiacun-
" que porrigeret, quæ aut rationi forent contraria, aut
" contradictoria [6]religioni."

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[1] *hortentes* in MS.
[2] *sompniatis* in MS.
[3] *sompniationis* in MS.
[4] *ymagine* in MS.
[5] *aput* in MS.
[6] *relligioni* in MS.

A Letter addressed to William, Abbot of Malmesbury.

"Venerabili in Christo Patri, Domino [1] Willelmo, " Abbati Malmesburiensi, suus unus et unicus, Johan- " nes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, Nigrorumque Mona- " chorum in Anglia Præsidens, reverentiam debitam, " cum honore. Venerabilis Domine, et Pater ex visce- " ribus prædilecte.—Veteris politiæ industria nos infor- " mat, concordat etiam cum ipsa certior in factibilibus " operatrix, alma praxis, quomodo quantumcunque sit " [2] economicæ culturæ ager fertilis, pinguis gleba, gra- " nisque [3] abundans, si tamen [4] inimicus homo, superve- " niens, superseminaverit [5] zizania, et miscuerit [6] lolium " inter fruges citra [7] autumnum, coget ipse messes are- " scere, pinguedineque permutata in maciem, faciet tel- " lurem, alias uberem, gravi sterilitatis dispendio sub- " jacere.

"Paris permutationis decrescentiam quia futuram " fore conjicimus, quod absit, in arvo monastico [8] Scho- " larium studentium Oxoniæ, si non maturius præclu- " datur via litibus, et tollatur occasio omnis discordiæ " in congregatione, nos, ex zelo non modico, quo illi " loco afficimur, et ex pondere officii quo signanter " oneramur, has in præsenti breves vobis supplicatorias " porrigimus, rogantes subnixius, et subrogantes atten- " tius, quatinus ad aciem mentis recentius revolventes " quanta temporibus, felicis memoriæ, [9] Walteri, præ- " decessoris vestri, materia litis inter jam dictos stu- " dentes et seniorem [10] scholarem vestrum, quem vos " vocatis 'Priorem' loci, in communi Ordinis Collegio " commota fuerat, occasione cujusdam compositionis,

[1] Died about A.D. 1424, according to Dugdale's *Monasticon*: his surname is not known.

[2] *yconomiæ* in MS.

[3] *habundans* in MS.

[4] *Matthew* xiii. 28.

[5] *zizannia* in MS.

[6] *lollium* in MS.

[7] *autumpnum* in MS.

[8] *scolarium* in MS.

[9] Walter Camme; he is supposed to have died before A.D. 1396.

[10] *scolarem* in MS.

" dudum inter partes editæ, quæ, inter alia loci emolu-
" menta, tantummodo dicto [1] scholari vestro pratum
" et piscariam dinoscitur reservare; [2] velitis, quæsu-
" mus, intuitu exiguæ nostræ precis, et pro vitandis
" dispendiis de quibus supra diximus, hiis mediis quæ
" dudum vestro Priori viva voce aperuimus, pro bono
" pacis, condescendere, ac pro defalcata rata portionis
" de vestra quæ debetur Ordini contributione annua,
" singula loci illius emolumenta, una cum dependenti-
" bus oneribus, et emergentibus, reservato tamen vobis
" principali titulo cum jure, [3] dimidium, in aliqualem
" supportationem reparationis domorum communium,
" Priori Studentium in [4] perpetuum sub scripto compe-
" tenti concedere; et nos in actibus Provincialis Ca-
" pituli talem de ea concessione procurabimus mentio-
" nem fieri, qua vos, vestraque domus, in pari vel
" majori recompensa stabitis, ac remanebitis sine
" fine.

" Movere vos poterunt ad hunc consensum nedum
" ipsa inedia ac dispendia, quæ jam diximus, quin-
" immo ulterius, favor Ordinis, honor nominis, pecu-
" liaresque preces [5] scholarium, quibus [6] præmiabimini
" exuberanter [7] in posterum, si hæc parva, immo par-
" vissima, facere dignemini, pro non modica quieta-
" tione ipsorum. Penset igitur, Pater venerabilis, ac
" ponderet mature vestra vivax discretio, quanti sit
" meriti occasionem litis inter studentes tollere, qualis
" sit commodi pro redditu incerto certam pensionem
" suscipere, quomodoque, ac qualiter, accedit ad cumu-
" lum honoris, justis annuere precibus exigui viri rogan-
" tis; et post providum, solidum, ac bene digestum,
" rationis libramen, placeat nobis rescribere quomodo
" ad meritum et commodum, accrescensque honoris

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[1] *scolari* in MS.
[2] *vellitis* in MS.
[3] *dim̄* in MS.
[4] *imperpetuum* in MS.
[5] *scolarium* in MS.
[6] *præmiabimi* in MS.
[7] *imposterum* in MS.

" culmen, vestræ complaceant paternitati venerandæ.
" Quam pro voto felicitet in agendis almiflua clementia
" nostri Plasmatoris."

A Letter addressed to Richard, Prior of Coventry.

" Præhonorabili Patri, Domino [1]Ricardo, Priori
" Conventrensi, vester, totus ex visceribus, Johannes,
" de Sancto Albano Abbas, post reverentiam debitam,
" et honorem, spiritum credulum in dicendis, nec
" credere contrarium, licet Angelus de cœlo aliter re-
" velaverit vobis. Pater amabilis, et pastor affabilis.—
" In agrum dilectionis gratuitæ dum nos nuper exivi-
" mus semen sinceræ gratitudinis seminare, euge, in
" ea parte felicem sortem sumpsimus, qua ad modicum
" quod in vestri favoris fundum cecidit, mox ortum
" fecit fructum centuplum. Causa creditur, quia in
" terram bonam et fructiferam seminatum fuit. [2]Sed
" [3]Aleph. Ex parte altera, dum in arida gleba personæ
" illius, de qua scripsistis, seminationis executi eramus
" officium, optavimusque ut cœlum daret pluviam, et
" terra redderet fructum suum, omnem nostram, quod
" dolenter dicimus, deperdidimus operam; moxque se-
" men aruit, postquam in terram excidit. Causa
" patet,—quia non habebat humorem; humorem, dici-
" mus, acceptationis gratuitæ, quia, quod nos semina-
" vimus in complacentiam paterni favoris, et, juxta
" nostrum simplex judicium, satis generosa mente,
" totum per [4]zizanii satores, et æmulatores discordiæ,
" retorquebatur illud ad ingratitudinis vitium, quod
" fertur odibile omnibus, etiam [5]apud rudes opiniones
" irrationabilium bestiarum.

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[1] Richard Crosby, or Richard Notyngham, probably the former.
[2] *Set* in MS.
[3] Sic in MS.
[4] *zizanniæ* in MS.
[5] *aput* in MS.

" Utinam igitur, Pater, pro indagatione veritatis " latentis, appenderentur in statera justitiæ indifferen- " ter peccata partis utriusque ; quatinus per ascensum " unius pensi, vel alterius, posset oculus stare judex, " rectumque, per visum, dare judicium, quis magis " [1] deliquerit contra alium, utrumve pater contra filium, " aut filius erga patrem, majorem habeat materiam " murmurationis. [2] Sed quia in præsens talis probatio " deficit, nec nostræ utinationi res in prompto [3] cor- " respondeat, pro vestræ quietatione conscientiæ, et " nostræ innocentiæ declaratione, remitti vos volumus " ad regulam illius alterationis, de qua excipiuntur " pauci, qui statim ut de inferiori prælatia ad supe- " riorem sunt assumpti, sponsam suam divortiatam " majori habent in fastidio, quam alteram, cujus nun- " quam usi erant amplexibus, nec utentur verisimiliter " in futuro.

" Inter alios hujus Regulæ in nostris temporibus " professores superstites, ecce ! Dominum [4] Lincolnien- " sem, nunc præsentem, et dudum Abbatem Leycestriæ ; " qui, etsi compositus decompositusque in divitiis fuerit, " ac derivativus in honore, semper tamen, ut loquamur " cum [5] grammaticis, in moribus est adeo figuræ sim- " plicis, et speciei talis, quod [6] nihil ab ipso venit " postquam mitram gessit, ad commodum vel solamen " prioris ecclesiæ, sponsæ suæ. Ecce ! adhuc profes- " sorem alium, Dominum Antistitem [7] Herforden- " sem, cujus laus etsi hucusque inscribatur in libro " vitæ, non tamen, ut fabulatur vulgariter inter eos " ubi prius erat Abbas, proponit in ista parte esse " verbum anormalum, immo potius, ne Regula in- " stantiam capiat in sua persona, mavult sequi regu-

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[1] *delinquerit* in MS.
[2] *Set* in MS.
[3] *corespondeat* in MS.
[4] Philip de Repingdon ; he resigned his bishopric, on being made a Cardinal.
[5] *gramaticis* in MS.
[6] *nichil* in MS.
[7] Thomas Spofford, late Abbot of St. Mary's, at York.

" lam aliarum conjugationum. Et si quæritis, nunquid " professor tertius dici poterit, noster dudum [1] Abbas, " et modo Episcopus Lichefeldensis, respondetur, [2] sed " tamen tacite, ne forsan, post fumum, flammam contin- " gat nos movere; quod, quamvis possibiliter de casu in " casum flecti valeat, et sic per casum in quantum " ablativus per recessum fuerit, in tantum per casualem " regressum dativus iterum esse poterit, normam tamen, " et naturam, imitatur nominis [3] heterocliti, a commu- " nique flectione recedens, qua dispensante [4] gramma- " tica, nescimus, alterius est declinationis in singulari " honoris numero, quam in plurali. Nam dum singu- " laris numeri pastor fuerat, et singularem habebat " [5] greculum ad regendum, complacuerunt sibi singula " nostra obsequia, in tantum, ut si interdum oblique " fierent, et nauseam propter obliquationem singulis " aliis generarent, sibi tamen soli signanter placuerunt, " veluti recta, rectamque semper intellexit declinationem " in omni gubernatione nostra. Modo vero, post plu- " ralis numeri gradum, et aliqualem morum flexionem, " accusativo casu, pro nominativo, in nostram personam " utitur, quasique nos generativi casus fuerimus in ex- " cessibus, ulterius adjungit vocativum, et eo nos vocat " agnomine, quod ab omnibus ingratius ingratitudine " reputatur.

" Quod nos, Pater, eo magis [6] impatienter ferimus, " quia, Deo teste, et conscio toto orbe, nunquam sic " posterius a grata rectitudine recessimus, quod propter " obliquationem aliquam, vel minimam, indicaret, aut " conciperet, ingratitudinem in operibus nostris. Igi- " tur, Pater, in hiis nostris dictis spiritum credulum " adhibentes, opponatis vos audacter clipeum, si pla- " ceat, pro nobis, detesteminique de cætero singulas

[1] William Heyworth.
[2] *set* in MS.
[3] *ethrocliti* in MS.
[4] *gramatica* in MS.
[5] A diminutive of "*grex*," meaning a little flock.
[6] *inpatienter* in MS.

" querelas in contrarium factas, licet querens trans-
" figuret se in angelum lucis, cum studuerit revelare
" vobis. Et sciatis pro firmo, si credentes baptizati
" fueritis in ea fide, vita vivetis, salvique eritis sine
" fine. Quod Ipse pro voto annuat, Qui, impie accu-
" satus, impiorum accusationes [1] patientissime [2] toleravit.
" Amen."

A Letter sent to the Abbot of St. Alban's, by a repentant Monk, who had formerly desertedthe Abbey.

" [3] Clementissimo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Johanni, Abbati de Sancto Albano, suæ abdicationis
" filius, de sæculo ad claustrum, cum lacrimis, jam
" revertens, obedientiam omnimodam, ac quicquid po-
" terit ulterius impendere pro sua ad gremium ec-
" clesiæ reconciliatione. Clementissime Domine, Pater-
" que, ac Pastor, merito venerande.—Magna quamvis
" mea sit iniquitas, et forsan major quam ut veniam
" merear, veruntamen, quia pater estis tantæ miseri-
" cordiæ, quod omnem animam pœnitentem corrigere
" magis appetitis, quam [4] condemnare, ideo, in animo
" contrito et spiritu humilitatis, confiteor Deo, Beatæ
" Mariæ, omnibusque Sanctis, et vobis, quod peccavi
" in cogitatione, dum intra memetipsum memorans
" qualiter per mundum evomi posterius quasi vir
" pœnitens de bono contra vi [5] fœdus cum diabolo; et
" iterum, quod verbaliter evomui, mentaliter reglutivi
" locutione, dum, in detestationem Regulæ quam pro-
" fessus fueram, sæpius labia gessi iniqua, exercuique
" linguam dolosam; omissione, cum temere dimisi ha-
" bitum, novumque hominem exuens, ac rursus veterem
" induens, plura omisi dicere quæ [6] mihi incumbebant

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[1] *pn̄ssie* in MS.
[2] *tolleravit* in MS.
[3] See Amundesham, Vol. I. p. 86.
[4] *condempnare* in MS.
[5] This passage is in a state of irremediable confusion; the words "*posterius*," "*vir*," and "*verbali-ter*" are added in another hand, between the lines.
[6] *michi* in MS.

" ex ordine ad dicendum; et opere, quia postquam,
" spiritu prævaricationis ductus, ad sæculum me con-
" verteram, et, excusso a collo obedientiæ jugo, ambu-
" laveram ut volebam, quasi alter filius prodigus, ex-
" pendi omnem meam substantiam cum meretricibus,
" taliaque ac tanta [1] nefaria commisi, quod jam non
" sum dignus [2] vester filius nuncupari.
" Precor igitur, Pater pie, vos paterna compassione,
" pietateque pastorali, pastoraliter orare pro me."

The Abbot's Answer to the preceding Letter.

" Johannes, Albanensis, Johanni, pœnitenti filio, sto-
" lam gratiæ, [3] annulumque gloriæ, ac [4] vitulum
" saginatum, in edulium, quia post mortem recurrit
" ad vitam, et rursus repertus est, postquam recesserat
" in perditionem. Fili, in præsens prædilecte, posterius,
" ut speramus, amplius diligende. Persuadet pietas,
" invitat caritas, clementiaque perorat, ut ibi cor
" carneum pro lapideo sit sumendum, ubi a corde
" exeunt quæ ab oculis defluunt guttulæ lacrimationum.
" Igitur, fili, per tuos singultus, quos tu in tuis litteris
" affirmas non fictos, spem de tua conversione sumentes,
" admittimus te, tenore præsentium, ad absolutionis
" beneficium, et oramus ut [5] apud fluvium misericordiæ
" hanc consequaris gratiam veniæ, quatinus, dimissis
" tibi tuis excessibus, liberet te Deus ab omni malo,
" confirmet ac conservet in opere bono, ac, post trans-
" cursum hujus viationis stadium, reducat corpus in
" cineres, ac perducat animam ad gloriam et vitam
" sempiternam. Amen."

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[1] *nepharia* in MS.
[2] *Luke*, xv. 19, 21.
[3] *anulumque* in MS.
[4] *Luke* xv. 23. See Amundesham, Vol. I. p. 86.
[5] *aput* in MS.

A Letter addressed to the Chancellor of Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester.

" Amatori fidissimo, amandissimoque amico, Magistro " Thomæ de N., Domini Ducis Gloucestriæ Cancellario, " suus totus, immo, totissimus, Johannes Albanensis, " olim Oxoniæ secum studens, vera fœdera amicitiæ, " sinceræque reciprocationem dilectionis, sine fine. " Singulare vitæ solatium, animæque meæ dimidium.— " Si vir incircumcisus labiis ea sufficeret scribere quæ " intus gerit in visceribus sui cordis, et brevis hæc " litterula in libellum cresceret, et rudis jam [1] rhetorica " sensum minus compositum magis [2] schematice expla- " naret; veruntamen, quia in ea divisione gratiæ in " qua Largitor spiritus unicuique distribuit, prout sibi " videbitur utilius expedire, nequaquam hunc favorem " reperit, quo vel sermo scientiæ sibi in sortem cede- " ret, vel linguarum sumeret genera, quibus suum " stilum humilem elegantius exornare posset; ideo " ore rudi et calamo exsangui, mente tamen fixa, et " corde fideli, pro recentis amoris visceribus [3] hym- " nos laudis concinit, et pro amplæ gratitudinis favo- " ribus, quibus nuper opposuistis vos murum pro " anima innocentis, grates vobis immolat, et gratias " multipliciter superfundit; orans ulterius, et exorans, " ut [4] lympha dilectionis, jam scaturiens, currere non " deficiat, priusquam fons in rivulum, rivusque evadat " in fluvium, ac efficiat amicitiæ aquam magnam. Et, " pro parte scribentis, repromittitur, quod citius sicci " montes [5] Gelboæ casum [6] percipient roris, et humecta- " tionem pluviæ, quam alter David [7] Jonathan novellum " abjiciet, aut, veluti [8] identitatem fastidiens, in effigie " altera, veteri jam oblita, anchoram dilectionis sibi

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[1] *rethorica* in MS.
[2] *scematice* in MS.
[3] *ympnos* in MS.
[4] *limpha* in MS.
[5] 2 *Samuel* i. 21.
[6] *perpient* in MS.
[7] *Jonatham* in MS.
[8] *ydemptitatem* in MS.

" figet. Sitque hujus verbalis promissionis testifer præ-
" sens calamus, quem in scriptoris ignominiam libeat
" licenter objici, si aliquando meretricanti animo con-
" tigerit per ipsum divortia celebrari.

" Mutabilis etenim quamvis fuerim, transmutabi-
" lisque sæpius de una qualitate in alteram, semel
" tamen nexum non de facili solvo dilectionis vin-
" culum; præcipue cum dilectus sit vir fidus in verbis,
" et gratus in operibus, nec propter alterationem alti-
" oris ominis solet de optimo melior fieri; immo,
" amplius per assensum et intensum appetit de positivo
" in superlativum magis regulariter [1] comparari. Talis
" utique nec de Lethæo gustans poculo oblivionem
" amoris concipit, nec in [2] Phlegethonte immersus fluvio
" occasiones recedendi ab amico quærit; immo magis,
" cum Moyse fabricat recordationis [3] annulum, quem,
" post suam fabricam, huic imponit digito, qui hanc
" determinat, quæ a corde fluitat, dilectionis venam.
" Qualiter fabricare et imponere Ille vobis annuat,
" Qui, cum suos dilexisset, usque in finem eos dilexit.
" Amen."

A Letter written to a person not named.

" Honorabilis Pater, et singularis fiducia nostri cor-
" dis. In lacrimas risus, in luctusque gaudia, verti-
" mus, quia, quod verebamur, nobis accidit, et quod
" suspicabamur de metropolitica Domini Cantuariensis
" Visitatione, evenit modo plenius, ac graves nobis
" inquietationes fecit. In arduo igitur positi, timemus,
" ne forsan nos premat mole suæ magnitudinis secum
" in judicio contendere; et ideo, ad vestrum fugiendo
" consultationis [4] asylum, rogamus vos in ista parte
" sanum consilium nobis dare; pensaturi prudentius,

[1] *compari* in MS.
[2] *Flegetonte* in MS.
[3] *anulum* in MS.
[4] *azilum* in MS.

" quomodo non propter peccata, immo, propter privile-
" gia, hujusmodi molestationis iram meruimus; et prop-
" terea maturius librantes singula, singulare per sim-
" plicem horum gerulum remittatis, si placeat, nobis
" consultamen; in modumque jam bicipitis, ante et
" retro reflectentes rationis oculos, attentius in utrius-
" que eventus casibus deliberetis. Durum est quippe
" tantæ dominationis favorem deperdere; [1] sed longe
" difficilius pro flatu modico cedere juri nostro, solita-
" que infringere privilegia libertatis. In ævum, cum
" Domino, feliciter valeatis. Amen."

A Letter from the House of Syon, in England, to the head of the Brigittine Order in Sweden, written by Abbot Whethamstede.

" Venerabili Brigittini Ordinis prothoparenti in Sue
" cia, adhuc vagiens in cunabulis plebs novitialis de
" domo Syon in Anglia, per gratiam sic percolere
" vineam Domini, ut per gloriam operiat montes umbra
" ejus, et arbusta illius cedros Dei.—Nobilis novellæ
" religionis propago, quam dudum sincera fidei devo-
" tio de regno Sueciæ transtulit, et plantavit in terra
" nostra, per [2] imbrem licet temporaneum et serotinum
" epistolarum, quas misistis, jam ad humorem mittat
" radices, et, veluti vitis quæ plantatur super aquas,
" [3] puberes incipiat uvas efficere, et concrescere in ra-
" cemos; veruntamen, cum, teste Dominicæ vineæ
" [4] cultore, neque qui plantat sit aliquid, neque qui
" rigat, nisi quatenus utriusque operis cultura per
" Dominum incrementum sumat, nequimus clara fide
" concipere aut intelligere, etiam etsi in utroque jam
" dicto negotio [5] utrique insimul solliciti sumus quin

[1] *set* in MS.
[2] *ymbrem* in MS.
[3] *pubures* in MS.
[4] 1 *Cor.* iii. 6.
[5] Sic in MS.

" semper, dum desit nobis illa per quam unicuique
" religioni per Dominum datur incrementum obser-
" vantiæ regularis, alma praxis, continue in tempore
" siccitatis desinet botrus propaginis facere fructum,
" deficietque, cum venerit æstus, germen in vineis, et
" arva olivæ non afferent cibum.

" Quippe cum, referente [1] Psalmista, cujusque religionis
" vinea vindemiatores habeat omnes qui prætergredi-
" untur viam, exterminatorem aprum de silva, singula-
" remque ferum depascentem in ea, hæc observantiæ
" regularis sancta praxis optima est culturæ magistra,
" et sola pro tuitione se apponens matrona, quæ con-
" tra hunc hostem triplicem triplex munitionis genus
" excogitat, hincque eam circumdat maceria conversa-
" tionis honestæ, inde torcular in ea effodit regularis
" disciplinæ, et tertio, in plenariam securitatem muni-
" minis, turrim doctrinæ salutaris erigit in medio
" ejus.

" Cum igitur tam utilis nobis et necessariæ magis-
" træ perfecti discipuli bene non poterimus fieri, absque
" eo, quod, ultra speculationem, per auditum nos rea-
" lius informet palpabilis experientia, per obtutum, ad
" vestræ discipulationis [2] scholam, ubi hæc matrona
" magisterialiter residet, et suis imperat discipulis, in
" forma magistrorum, unum de nostris professis fratri-
" bus, virum, ut credimus, disciplinabilem, et habilem
" in moribus, jam transmittimus, humillima deprecantes
" instantia, ut ipsum, quem propterea de [3] arca nostræ
" navigationis transmiserimus, quatenus nobis, quem
" scriptura non confert, ramum reportet virentis [4] olivæ,
" ramum, videlicet, scientiæ practicæ, per experientiam
" et exercitium in observantiis et [5] cæremoniis vestræ
" domus, benigno ac favorabili vultu [6] velitis ad infra
" recipere, et, nostræ deprecationis intuitu, pariter et

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[1] *Psalm* lxxx. 8, 12, 13.
[2] *ecolam* in MS.
[3] *archa* in MS.
[4] In allusion to *Genesis* viii. 11.
[5] *ceremoniis* in MS.
[6] *vellitis* in MS.

" consideratione zeli jam dictæ scientiæ, conclusionem,
" sicuti est, facie ad faciem experimentaliter demon-
" strare.

" Postquam vero [1] regina Saba sapientiam Salamonis
" audierit, et frater præmissus, cum [2] Beseleel, spiritu
" Dei plenus, intelligentiam habuerit, et scientiam in
" omni opere practico quod noscitur necessarium ad
" culturam nostræ vineæ, extunc ad [3] arcam de qua
" exierat sibi liceat libere regredi, et signum vestræ
" in nos ostensæ clementiæ, ad utriusque hominis sola-
" men et gratiam, in ore suo, cum lætitia reportare. Et
" ne hiis nostris rogatibus scriptura quævis contraria
" reddat vos difficiles, certioramus plenius per præ-
" sentes, quomodo a venerabili Patre, Johanne, Abbate
" de Sancto Albano, nostri Ordinis conservatore, litteras
" licentiatorias impetravimus, et patentes, quas etiam,
" cum præsentibus, vobis mittimus, quatinus consimilis
" rei [4] casu possemus nos vestris, cum accesserint, por-
" tas, alias claudendas, ultro discludere, et, ut nobiscum
" præsentialiter commaneant, liberius gratiam indul-
" gere. Cujus indulgentiæ libertas, quæ vos, velut nos,
" communiter respicit, et, virtute litteræ Apostolicæ,
" utrosque in talibus facit semper pares, quæsumus non
" denegetis quod petimus, ne similes in voto discorde-
" mus, quod absit, in tanto, ut nesciamus in matre
" quare subsistimus sua proles. Non enim damus
" radicem, quæ ramum naturaliter non foveat, nec
" hanc recognoscimus esse matrem, quæ lacte regularis
" disciplinæ suos naturaliter non alumnat. Ut igitur
" solem radius, fontem rivus, ramusque radicem referat,
" et parentem æmula sua proles, semper in distinctis
" nobis sit una religionis facies ad [5] imaginem et si-
" militudinem Sanctissimi Salvatoris. In quo vestra
" sic floreat vinea et vitis, cum ramusculis, ut extendat

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[1] 1 *Kings* x. 1.
[2] *Exodus* xxxvi. 1.
[3] *archam* in MS.
[4] *cā* in MS.
[5] *ymaginem* in MS.

" palmites suos usque ad mare, et ultra flumen pro-
" pagines ejus."

A Letter addressed to Master John Prestone, Treasurer of Saint Paul's, London.

" Sinceræ devotionis viro, Magistro Johanni Prestone,
" Thesaurario Sancti Pauli, Johannes, pauper et humi-
" lis minister de Sancto Albano, cum Laurentio the-
" sauros distribuere, et cum Thobia sub [1] chirographo
" pecunias [2] accommodare. In Christo devotissime Do-
" mine.—In die necessitatis quia bonum sibi thesaurizat
" præmium, qui pietatis ædificio manus auxiliares por-
" rigit, quibus onus alleviatur, et opus ducitur ad
" perfectum, vobiscum licet tantam familiaritatem
" [3] hactenus non contraxerimus, qua sine vultus rube-
" dine pro [4] eleemosynis pulsare poterimus ad portas
" vestras; quia tamen, ut accepimus, caritas Dei in
" vestris taliter diffusa est visceribus, ut omni se
" petenti tribuat, et neminem, qui postulandi gratia
" accesserit, sine re aut spe tristem abire sinat, in ea
" qua [5] præoccupamur indigentia, ruborem commutan-
" tes in fiduciam, spiritum postulationis assumimus,
" et de thesauris [6] quos dispergentes datis pauperibus,
" ut nobis, ad nostri [7] Infirmitorii fabricam imper-
" tiri dignemini, humiliter supplicamus; intelligentes
" nisi de pio vestro subsidio veniat nobis auxilium,
" præsertim cum non prius sedentes [8] computaverimus
" qui nobis necessarii erant sumptus, volunt nobis
" illudere homines dictum proverbialiter per impro-
" perium, cœpimus quod non perfecimus, posuimusque
" quod non potuimus ducere plenarie ad perfectum.

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[1] *sirographo* in MS. *Tobit* ix. 5.
[2] *accomodare* in MS.
[3] *actenus* in MS.
[4] *elemosinis* in MS.
[5] *præocupamur* in MS.
[6] *quas* in MS.
[7] See Amundesham, Vol. I. pp. 18, 32, 421; Vol. II. pp. 198, 199, 257, 258.
[8] *Luke* xiv. 28, 29, 30.

" Quocirca, cum non latens libido cumulandi opes,
" [1]sed potens et fervens devotio perficiendi opus, jam
" nos incitaret extranei patris gratiæ domesticas preces
" porrigere, et pulsare perseveranter ad januas pie-
" tatis, ratione domesticationis, nos quæsumus non
" [1]contemnatis, [2]sed, propter improbitatem, surgentes
" cum Domino, detis nobis panes quotquot habemus
" necessarios, et, contra similitudinem improperii hujus,
" caritatis portas aperientes, protendite distributionis
" manus: et quicquid de nostris avaritia, sufficientia,
" aut [3]superabundantia, infestus nobis mundus obla-
" traverit, aut instabile vulgus, in hoc uno vos certi
" sitis, semper ipsa [4]eleemosyna orabit pro vobis.
" Ipsam igitur [5]eleemosynam annuat vobis Altissimus,
" ita abscondere in sinu pauperis, et unicuique dis-
" pergere indigenti, ut [6]nesciat sinistra quid faciat
" dextra, et justitia vestra maneat in sæculum sæculi."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Cell of Bynham.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, [7]Roberto,
" Priori Cellæ suæ obedientiæ de Bynham, virtute
" salutis sanitate perfrui, et benedictionis viribus in
" successibus prosperari. Præamabilis in Christo frater.
" —Materiam murmuris, dudum occasione cujusdam
" annui census inter nostræ obedientiæ Priores subor-
" tam, cupientes, caritatis intuitu, sopire funditus, et
" de novo, si necesse fuerit, taxare talliam ponderis
" levioris, plene, cum Domino, deliberavimus, et firmiter,
" vita superstite, in animo proposuimus, ad instans
" jam novum Generale Capitulum, vocatis singulis
" quorum interesse in ea parte vertitur, habitaque

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[1] *set* in MS.
[2] *contempnatis* in MS.
[3] *superhabundantia* in MS.
[4] *elemosina* in MS.
[5] *elemosinam* in MS.
[6] *Matthew* vi. 3.
[7] Robert Stoke.

" cum ipsis debita ac diligenti discussione super motri-
" cibus causis hujusmodi impositionis, si, et in quantum,
" ostendi poterit ipsas causas carere robore juris, aut
" in aliquo terminos excedere rationis, ipsum excessum
" cum acie discretionis præscindere, et, præscissione
" facta, unumquemque, juxta virium suarum facultatem,
" novæ solutionis subsidio canonice [1] retaxare.

" Cum igitur in Canone nullum decretum firmius
" quam quod omnium statutum est consilio, in legeque
" nusquam vinculum fortius quam quod singulorum
" consignatum est sigillo, ut nostra super hæc vincula,
" pariter et decreta, singulorum sigillentur consensu,
" approbenturque ab omnibus, quemadmodum in specie
" tangunt ipsos, hiis nostris litteris damus vobis dis-
" trictius in mandatis, ut nobiscum, si commode pote-
" ritis, in jam dicto nostro Capitulo præsentialiter
" sitis, ad præbendum vestrum consilium et consensum
" in præmissis. Alioquin, si præpeditio canonica et
" rationabilis laqueum posuerit pedibus vestris, ita
" quod non poteritis sine salutis dispendio ipsum la-
" queum conterere, et libere ad nos dirigere vestros
" gressus, extunc procuratorem vobis constituatis, suffi-
" cientem et idoneum, qui, nomine vestro, ratum et
" gratum habeat quicquid nos, de consensu Capituli,
" in hiis censibus fieri decreverimus; cessetque de
" cætero murmur in populo, et fiat pax in diebus
" nostris. Quod Auctor pacis, et Amator, feliciter an-
" nuat; Cui servire est regnare, et Quem noscere extat
" in Eo vivere, Qui sine fine vivit et regnat. Amen."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Cell of Hatfeld Peverelle.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, [2] Johanni, Cellæ
" suæ obedientiæ de Hatfeld Priori, plenam gratiam

[1] *retraxare* in MS.

[2] John Whitby, probably.

" et salutem, ac unicuique mercedem tribuere secun-
" dum suum laborem. In Christo confrater carissime.—
" Assiduis indies pulsamur precibus, agitamur clamori-
" bus, et rogatibus commovemur, quatinus viro illi
" cui jam advesperascit dies vitæ, et est sol fortunæ
" plenarie sub occasu, Johanni, videlicet, Hoxon, qui,
" prout multorum relatibus didicimus, a cunabilis in
" præsens nostræ sub vestro regimine domus servus
" erat idoneus et fidelis, de uberiori nostra gratia, dig-
" naremur aperire gratiæ sinum, et protendere pectus
" pietatis. Nos, in caritatis visceribus labores emeritos
" in cunctis cupientes ætatibus, et in hiis præcipue
" quibus tempus resolutionis instat, nec est eis aurum
" aut argentum quod Dives non dederit, Qui dat omni-
" bus qui invocant Eum, piis mercedibus munerare,
" caram nobis rogamus vestram amicitiam, et [1] hortamur
" in visceribus caritatis, quatenus dicti Johannis non
" qualia exhibet, [2] sed quanta exhibuit, servitia, rectæ
" rationis oculo ad memoriam reducentes, de cadenti-
" bus micis a vestra mensa ita faciatis in instanti sua
" inopia sibi retribui, ut nec ipse in vobis, nec alii in
" ipso, [3] emancipasse se unquam pœniteant servitio
" monachali. Sic quippe retribuentes, Scriptura teste,
" poteritis scire quod [4] hydria [5] farinulæ non deficiet,
" nec minuetur [6] lecythus olei, [2] sed a quo fluunt re-
" vertentur flumina, et quæ tali mercede consumuntur
" redibunt pecuniæ copiosius, cum usura.

" Igitur, ut modestia vestra omnibus nota fiat ho-
" minibus, [7] abundetque caritas magis ac magis erga
" proximos, in Illo Qui parcit pauperi et inopi, suæ par-
" catis egestatis miseriis, et in Ipso Qui salvos facit
" filios pauperum, et humiliat [8] calumniatorem, con-
" cedatis eisdem quibus ulterius de senecta canescere,

[1] *ortamur* in MS.
[2] *set* in MS.
[3] *emansipasse* in MS.
[4] *idria* in MS.
[5] In allusion to 1 *Kings* xvii. 14.
[6] *lechitus* in MS.
[7] *habundetque* in MS.
[8] *calumpniatorem* in MS.

" poterit in senium beneficia caritatis. Et vobis libe-
" rius retribuet pro concessis, Qui potum aquæ [1] frigidæ
" non vult carere mercede præmii, sibique reputat fieri
" quicquid uni ex minimis ejus fecistis."

A Letter addressed to Thomas, Lord Chancellor of England.

" Omni devotione recolendo Domino, Domino [2] Thomæ,
" regni Cancellario, suus in votis minister humilis,
" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, ea caritate im-
" bui, qua omnia sciatis in bonum, cum Domino, be-
" nignius interpretari. Colende in Christo Domine, et
" Pater sincerissime prædilecte.—A ministris quod com-
" mittitur, quamvis redundet in dominum, et a disci-
" pulis quicquid delinquitur respiciat ad magistrum,
" veruntamen ubi, absque unius scientia, aut favore al-
" terius, insolenter evagatur in excessibus ad dextram,
" [3] nihilominus judicis vendicat locum dominus, et inter
" innocentes poterit magister lavare suas manus.

" Cum itaque, ex insinuatione cujusdam vestri, non
" sine declivi vultus lætitia, conceperam quomodo de
" mea simplici et exili discretione admirationis non
" parvam sumpsistis materiam, eo quod de vestra Ca-
" pella cantantem infantulum per unum de meis, prout
" informati statis, latenter, immo, quod vilius est, lai-
" caliter, in meo retinerem servitio, et non statim,
" juxta legem, qua fertur,—'Quod tibi vis fieri, alii
" 'facias,' ipsum ad vestram Dominationem remitterem,
" et servi culparem [4] negligentiam pro delicto; ut con-
" sentientes in hac culpa, ac agentes, et hii duntaxat,
" puniantur pari pœna, vestram certifico Dominationem
" veraciter per præsentes, quod qualiscunque aut quan-
" tacunque sit in ea parte præsumptio seu suspicio

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[1] *Matthew* x. 42.

[2] Thomas Langley, Bishop of Durham; Chancellor, 1422–24.

[3] *nichilominus* in MS.

[4] *necgligentiam* in MS.

" hominis, nulla tamen, ut ex fide loquar, restat pro-
" batio juris aut veritatis, quominus magister staret ad
" dextram judicis, seu discipulus cum innocentibus
" mundaret suas manus.

" Sane, Pater, hæc in hac causa totius processus est
" res gesta. Cum superveniret puer parvulus, tutore
" carens, ipsumque aspicerent mei fratres, ac intellige-
" rent quomodo vita juvenis sine freno est tanquam
" navis in mari sine remigio, caritatis intuitu, et sub
" spe salvandi animam pueri dicti, ipsum puerum inter
" ipsos susceperant ac nutrierant, ad hunc finem; ne
" Ismaelitis [1] Joseph parvulus venalis fieret, [2] sed, ut
" alter [3] Samuel, in templo Domini deserviens, semper
" vocanti Domino vocatus juvenis promptius respon-
" deret.

" Verum cum signum sit ægrotantis animi frequens
" loci mutatio, et quasi equus qui chamo non con-
" stringitur, puer manuabilis, et recedens a magistro,
" nusquam in mea opinione extiterat altioris pretii, quin
" repetenti domino statim ipsum judicarem dimitti, et
" si dudum constitisset de magistro, quod veraciter
" non constabat, dudum omnem tulissem super ipsius
" retentione materiam admirandi.

" Absit hoc, Pater, a me, ut aliquando alienam rem
" retineam, invito domino, aut, quod puerilius est, pro
" puerili obsequio non curarem inhumaniter recedere ab
" amico. Sic utique [4] Agar jurgiosa fieret, et rebellaret
" contra dominam, sic certe [5] Absolon irritator existe-
" ret, et insurgeret contra patrem; sic utique dum
" utrinque pro puero contentiose agitur, sententiaret
" [6] Salamon—'Date domino infantem vivum, et minime
" 'occidatur.' Quarum rerum litigiosas occasiones cum
" nullus optat tribuere, nisi qui est mentis inops, et

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[1] *Genesis* xxxvii. 27.
[2] *set* in MS.
[3] 1 Samuel ii. 11.
[4] *Genesis* xxi. 9.
[5] 2 *Samuel* xvii., xviii.
[6] 1 *Kings* iii. 27.

" expers rationis, vestram Reverendissimam rogo et in-
" voco Dominationem, ut infra sacrarium vestræ exau-
" ditionis admittere dignemini meæ de vestri pueri
" retentione excusationis preces, et portitori præsen-
" tium quatinus [1] mihi reportet paternæ [2] reconcilia-
" tionis [3] antidotum aurem ulterius inclinare [4] velitis
" benevolam, dictaque per eum vobis credentia meam
" innocentiam habere in omni genere suspicionis ple-
" nius excusatam. Et puer parvulus, qui aquam con-
" verterit in vinum, et vinum in suum sanguinem,
" cor patris convertat in filium, et incredulos in præ-
" missis ad credentiam justorum."

A Letter written to a person not named.

" In Christo carissime, ex intimis nostri cordis visce-
" ribus vos præcordialiter salutamus, ulterius, cum
" fiducia, subrogantes, quatinus, cum Dominus Lincol-
" niensis et nos, per impetrationem et mediationem
" nostri Archidiaconi, quem novistis, ita concordati
" stamus, ut citra novum personale colloquium, quo inter
" partes pendentes materias meliori discussione deci-
" dere poterimus, dormitationi committeret mille no-
" cendi palpebras, et nos ac nostras, absque omni juris
" inquietatione, quiescere sineret tempore medio in
" cubili pacis ; si, hac sua concessione non obstante, co-
" nentur ipsius ministri, in sua jam sessione, super com-
" perta molestatione, nos aut nostros [4] [gravare], [5] velitis,
" quæsumus, ipsam concordiam pro nobis in clipeum tui-
" tionis opponere, et ulterius, si necesse fuerit, ex parte
" nostra significare, quomodo sub protectione juris sta-
" mus ; ita quod, si contingat nos aut nostros per ipsos
" ministros gravari, minus canonice, per defalcationes

[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *reconsiliationis* in MS.
[3] *antitodum* in MS.
[4] This, or a similar word, is omitted.
[5] *vellitis* in MS.

" pensionum aut possessionum, propter augmentationes " vicariarum, solutiones procurationum, aut aliarum " quarumcunque rerum, parati sumus ad appellandum, " immo, et sic proponimus, in forma juris.

" Miramur denique, et in facto tam mirabili non " poterimus non mirari, cur dictus jam dominus, horum " duntaxat virtute jurium, quæ hucusque non audivi- " mus in regno aut clero promulgata, præsumit solus " inter cæteros, contra [1] Apostolum, mala facere ut " eveniant bona, et quæ sibi ad ædificationem tan- " tummodo data est, taliter in destitutionem abuti " potestate sua. Non enim licentiant leges, ut cum " jactura Gaii locupletur Titius, neque concedunt Ca- " nones ut, propter dotandam Pauli pauperiem, spo- " lietur in bonis Jacobus, aut minuatur patrimonio " Sanctus Petrus : unde, licet decreto [2] Apostolico— " ' Qui altari servit, de altario vivere debet, et qui in " ' agro domini laborat, de primis ejus fructibus man- " ' ducare habet,' [3] nihilominus tamen, qui, prætextu " dotandi vicarios, ne dicatur ' ditandi,' nititur cum falce " defalcationis de bonis illorum præscindere, qui sunt " die et nocte in templo Domini servientes, non aliter " reportabit de præmio, quam ipsi secum de merito " tulerant, qui, super tunicam [4] Dominicam mittentes " sortem, arbitrabantur gratum se obsequium præstare " Deo.

" Igitur, cum inter divitias et paupertates [5] præscissam " sufficientiam tribuerit nobis Dominus, ita quod, de- " falcata in parte una, stare non poterimus cum resi- " dua, viriliter, [6] quæsumus, et cum effectu, apud ipsos " jam dictos ministros advocare [7] velitis ; et nos pro " vobis apud Ipsum habebitis advocantes, Qui est pro-

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[1] *Romans* iii. 8.
[2] 1 *Cor.* ix. 13.
[3] *nichilominus* in MS.
[4] *Matthew* xxvii. 35.
[5] *præscisam* in MS.
[6] *quæsimus* in MS.
[7] *vellitis* in MS.

" pitiatio pro peccatis nostris. In Quo ut valere
" [1] velimus semper feliciter valeatis."

A Letter written to a person not named.

" Præhonorabilis in Christo Domine, post solatium in
" Eo Qui salus est justorum.—Si hæc sit [2] communis
" lex justitiæ, ut sua cuilibet jura servet, nec contra id
" quod æquum est in minimo obicem ponat in aliquo,
" aut repugnet; absit hoc a nobis, ut ita avertamus dor-
" sum ab oneribus, quod serviant manus nostræ in
" cophino, aut humeros submoveamus a ponderibus, qua-
" tenus non reddamus quæ sunt [3] [Cæsaris] Cæsari, et
" quæ sunt Dei Deo. In vestram igitur intelligentiam
" volumus devenire plana luce, quomodo in solvendis
" Domino Lincolniensi procuratoriis censibus, quatenus
" ad nos attinet, et teneamur de justitia, semper in affectu
" prompti fuimus, et nunc ultra in effectu parati sumus;
" nec aliter de nobis concipiatis, quæsumus, quod diffugia
" solutionis quærimus, aut ambages, quin, statim dis-
" cussa, quæ penes nos adhuc pendet in ambiguo, ma-
" teria, de hoc solutione debitum de jure nobis onus
" subibimus, et quæ sunt Domini Domino plenarie
" exsolvemus.

" Vestram, igitur, de qua satis digna ad præsens audi-
" vimus, et speramus [4] in posterum experiri digniora,
" invocamus justitiam, et æquitatem deprecamur, qua-
" tinus, cum res non sunt, [5] sed rerum possessores, qui
" delinquunt, sententiam interdicti, cui supposuistis nos-
" træ [6] præsentationis de Luyton, revocare [7] velitis in
" irritam, et non [8] ulterius tantam sibi infligere pœnam,
" quam per culpam demeruerit, et contumaciter defen-

[1] *vellimus* in MS.
[2] *comunis* in MS.
[3] Omitted in MS.
[4] *imposterum* in MS.
[5] *set* in MS.
[6] Sic in MS., in the genitive.
[7] *vellitis* in MS.
[8] This word is indistinct, and doubtful.

" derit injustam [1] causam. Et quæ homini pacifico sunt " reliquiæ sint vobis assessores, innocentia et æquitas " in irritatione."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Cell of Belvoir.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, [2] Johanni, Cellæ " suæ obedientiæ de Belvero, salutem et gratiam, ac " gregi de gramine competenter concedere in pasturam. " In Christo prædilecte.—Quamvis cum jactura alterius " nullus locupletari habeat, juxta regulas juris, per " hocque recalcitrare poteritis hiis qui [3] stimulantes vos " sollicitant in materia augmentationis, quia tamen " Lator inquit jurium, et Canonum Auctor,—[4] 'Dignus " 'est operarius mercede,' nemoque tenetur propriis " stipendiis militare; vobis in ipso Latore consulimus, " et concedimus cum Auctore pacis, ut ubi evidenti " rei et testium probari poterit argumento, quod sanc- " tuarii ministris minus videbitur sufficere Levitarum " portio, et panes propositionis, ibi vestris vicariis, [5] sed " incumbentium duntaxat pro temporibus, de appro- " priatis vobis decimis decimetis partes, et competentia " pro victu et vestitu stipendia limitetis. Supra morem " quippe est manus parca, quæ vult bovem grana terere, " et de paleis edere non permittit; [5] sed supra morem, " et ultra modum, est mens avara, quæ mandat pastori " gregem pascere, et gustare de ejus lacte non con- " cedit.

" Ubi utique experiri poteritis quod se, cum fraude, " fingunt pauperes, aut sub dolo conspirant fieri locu- " pletes, quia satis est juri obvium ut aut fraus aut " dolus alicui præstaret patrocinium, consurgatis viri- " liter ex adverso, et quod parens fraudis in partu

[1] This passage is apparently incomplete.

[2] John Stoke, afterwards Abbot of St. Alban's.

[3] *stimilantes* in MS.

[4] *Luke* x. 7.

[5] *set* in MS.

" pereat propriæ prolis, omnem vestrarum virium sol-
" licitudinem pro modulo apponatis; ad ulteriores tamen
" quam jam diximus minime præsumentes protendere
" vestros limites, ne, avaritiæ suggerente consilio, vani
" fiant, ut filii hominum, mendacesque in stateris, ut
" vos, quod absit, de vestra possessione decipiant in
" idipsum. Quod ne fiat, Ipse faveat, Qui fraudulentes
" et dolosos in fame et penuria recompensat."

A Letter addressed to William, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

" Magnificæ bonitatis viro, [1] Willelmo, Lichfeldensi
" Episcopo, suus totus in ardoribus, Johannes, de Sancto
" Albano Abbas, septiformis carisma spiritus, ignemque
" divini amoris ardere jugiter in altari veri cordis.
" Præamabilis Domine, et Pater præstantior in honore.
" —Si lampas lumen non foveat absque oleo, nec cami-
" nus ignem retineat sine fomento, cum similitudinem
" habeat tam ignis quam lumen amor accensus in for-
" nace puri cordis, ille revera inter cæteros ulterius
" fundit oleum, qui amico sæpius salutis hostiam im-
" molat, ipseque, præ consortibus, melius apponit fomen-
" tum, qui cum cordis sacrificio se suæ dilectionis
" domino pluries recommendat.

" Cum [2] Paracleto igitur cupiens incepti amoris scin-
" tillulas in perfectos ignes excrescere, et in inextingui-
" biles faces, ut amicus amico, vobis millesies salutis
" gratiam refero, velutique servus domino, me etiam,
" cum honoris gloria, infinities recommendo, in Ipso
" Qui ignem misit in terra, (et quid vult nisi ut ardeat?)
" eandem vestram Dominationem [3] subnixius interpel-
" lans, quatenus, pro perpetuatione et præservatione pro
" nunc calentium ignium, necnon ad crescentiam jam

[1] William Heyworth.
[2] *Paraclito* in MS.
[3] This word is doubtful; indeed the context throughout the page (fol. 12 a) is almost half effaced.

" [1] dictarum facium, erga susurrantium [2] sibilos qui æmu-
" latorie faces nituntur retrahere, et causare fumum,
" ambas clementiæ aures obstruere dignemini, cum
" fiduciæ manibus, et semper, in eructationibus talium,
" respondere, cum impetu spiritus, quomodo non est
" vestri moris ut, propter satores zizanii, aut aratores
" [3] lolii, lumen extinguatis in lampade, facem suffocetis
" in cinere, seu ab amicitiæ aratro semel manum mis-
" sam mutabiliter revocetis. Et si, stante patris im-
" mutabiliter affectione, contingat me, per nuditatem
" spiritus, aliquid inhumaniter agere, super quo juste
" argui possem, aut alias culpari merito, eo quod plenæ
" gratitudinis legem non in manibus semper servem,
" cuncta semper et libenter vestro volo emendare ju-
" dicio, et de cætero, ut peccatis non adjiciam, amicitiæ
" regulas figere firmius in corde meo.

" Ne igitur ventosi folles oris totiens in amoris fa-
" culas exerceant suas vires, ut tandem propter multi-
" plicationem incipiant efflatæ deficere, ut carbones,
" hoc unum ipse, vester unicus, ulterius invoco; ut ob
" retinentiam illius flaminis qui accendit lumen sensibus,
" et infundit amorem cordi, sinistros et interloquentium
" flatus contrario confusionis flatu [5] velitis refellere, et
" semper ad ignem amoris illud apponere combustibile,
" quod inter amicos præservet igniculum ab extinctione.
" Et ignis qui non comburit, [6] sed illuminat, inveniat in
" corde patris receptaculum, et flamma quæ non con-
" sumit, [6] sed lucet, in animo prolis accensas faculas et
" caminum."

A Letter addressed to Richard, Abbot of Westminster.

" Præhonorabili viro, [7] Ricardo, Abbati de Westmonas-
" terio, zelator pacis [8] publicæ, communisque amator

[1] *dictorum* in MS.
[2] *sibulos* in MS.
[3] *lollii* in MS.
[5] *vellitis* in MS.
[6] *set* in MS.
[7] Richard Harweden.
[8] *puplicæ* in MS.

" justitiæ, Johannes, de Sancto Albano minister similis,
" per Ipsum Qui dat salutem corporum, flammas litium
" extinguere, et, in Ipso Qui confert pacem cordium,
" mediis pacis et justitiæ pacifice consentire.—Felicem
" sæpius et ex meritis hii litium tractatus rerum sor-
" tiuntur eventum, qui, cum pace incipientes, pacifice
" absque juris strepitu procedunt, nec bene carere pote-
" runt sorte prosperi finis, qui quærentes quæ sunt
" juris, [1] nihil præter justitiam clamitant, et hanc in-
" tentant solummodo in forma pacis. In Auctore igitur
" pacis, zelo cupientes quo tenemur, absque [2] tensione
" mallei, seu ictu securis, constructi templi ruinas refi-
" cere, et restituere rapinas quas manus injuriosa rapue-
" rat, et [3] hactenus possidet mala fide, ad virum et
" patrem quem credimus media pacis libentius admit-
" tere, et cui, ut supponimus, via veritatis erit accep-
" tabilis sine lite, in principio processus sermonem
" dirigimus, et petimus in forma pacis, per viamque
" veritatis, quatinus, illius legis suadente justitia, quæ
" nemini optat alteri facere quod sibi nollet fieri,
" illatas nobis injurias in vestri prædecessoris tempo-
" ribus, occasione [4] erectionis furcarum infra terminos
" libertatis nostri dominii de Sandrugge, jam dictæ
" legis suggerente consilio, [5] velitis repellere, ac, ut
" utrinque pax vigeat, amor imperet, regnet tranquil-
" litas, et concordia perseveret, in hiis jubere nos resti-
" tui in integrum, in quibus gravatos nos conquerimur,
" et cogimur jus repetere per requæstum.

" Profecto cum cujusque libertatis dominium certis
" commensuretur limitibus, quibus contentari habeat,
" ita quod ulterius transgrediens juris nedum est offen-
" sor, et violator justitiæ, quinimmo ultra, peccat in
" Canones, illamque pro tempore nititur confundere

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[1] *nichil* in MS.
[2] In allusion to 1 *Kings* vi. 7.
[3] *actenus* in MS.
[4] See Amundesham, Vol. I. pp. 14, 15, 24, and Vol. II. pp. 127–157, 213–220.
[5] *vellitis* in MS.

" legem, qua fertur—[1] 'Terminos proximi tui non as-
" 'sumes, nec transferes quos transfixere priores,' vos,
" analogice nimis, prout videtur nobis, ampliastis ter-
" minos vestros, dum infra limites prius dictæ liberta-
" tis, in loco quo nemo viventium simile opus aspexerit,
" erexistis vobis furcas, et ibi fecistis vobis libertatis
" indicium, ubi, prout tam patria est testis, quam ocu-
" lus judex, libertatem non poteritis petere, nec ponere
" pedem fixum. Ad removendum igitur hujusmodi
" ampliationis patibulum, quod præceps nimis sententia
" decreverat erigi, et nos [2] nihilominus, pro bono pacis,
" censuimus hucusque, absque præcipitio, [3] tolerari, in
" Auctore pacis, vos rogamus et requirimus, cum Judice
" æquitatis, quatinus, cum nos absque juris juramenti-
" que stimulo ulterius pati non poterimus offensas has,
" vos, ligonem legis in judicii manus sumentes, ita hanc,
" quæ de terra oritur, curetis, cum Domino, veritatem
" evellere, ut, per justitiam quæ de cœlo prospicit, res-
" tituatur nobis jus nostrum, sine contradictione. Sic
" certe pastoris excessum reformat sapiens successor, sic
" utique in causa succumbens [4] obtentor censetur stre-
" nuus, sic fietque certissime, qui possidere desinit quod
" dolo [5] possederat, dicetur dominus rei, et verus pos-
" sessor. Quamobrem, cum nisi jure tracti, nisi justitia
" compulsi, nisi [6] damno et injuria stimulati, poterimus
" aut proponimus cum viro qui nobis est in amore
" pater, in conditione frater, in dominio proximus, et
" in honoribus consodalis, judicialiter contendere, seu
" impetere in forma juris, iterum repetimus, et roga-
" mus cum Domino, ut, pacis mediis annuentes, et viis
" justitiæ, sine ulteriori legis strepitu, aut jurgiorum
" tumultu, curetis, dilatione deposita, et causa discussa,
" facere expeditius quod est juris in materia supradicta.

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[1] In allusion to *Deuter.* xix. 14.
[2] *nichilominus* in MS.
[3] *tollerari* in MS.
[4] *optentor* in MS.
[5] *possiderat* in MS.
[6] *dampno* in MS.

" Et pacis angelus, ac nuncius justitiæ, ante tribunal
" Magni Judicis vos cum pace præsentet ac justificet,
" sine fine."

A Letter addressed to Thomas, Prior of the Benedictine Students at Oxford.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, [1] Thomæ, Priori
" [2] Scholarium Oxoniæ, seipsum, suaque secum, ac de
" [3] columna, per Dominum, feliciter crescere in templum
" sanctum. Carissime in deliciis amicitiæ, fidissimeque
" in fœderibus societatis antiquæ.—Patrator censetur
" providus, et diligens in operibus supervisor, qui sub
" vinculis tenet otium, et vacationis fugat terminos,
" quousque initium in laboribus laudabiliter duxe-
" rit ad perfectum. Cum igitur, in discretione operis
" duplicem, prout accepimus, laboris speciem assump-
" sistis, unam quidem, corpoream, quæ est de [4] Capellæ
" fabrica, alteram vero incorpoream, quæ restat de
" [5] scholarium disciplina, hasque [6] utrabus, prout credi-
" mus, in zelum Ordinis, et ad complacentiam Creato-
" ris; in ipso Creatore vos consulimus, et inducimus
" cum dicto zelo, quatinus in laborum generibus quæ
" virtute operis fiunt de prædicamento meritoriæ actio-
" nis, non prius [7] lassescant vestræ vires, aut tepescant
" incendia voluntatis, quam Qui in vobis cœperat per-
" ficiat opus bonum, vosque quas cum Ipso assumpsistis
" laborum species, perpetraveritis in suppositis, et finem
" de operibus videritis gloriosum.

" Diu namque satis stetit hæc fabrica in fieri, quæ
" plura tulit ridicula quam sunt punctalia in acervo,
" diutiusque quam decuit, immo, diuturnius quam opor-

[1] Possibly, Thomas Whinchecombe; otherwise, his surname is not known. See p. 382 *ante*.
[2] *Scolarium* in MS.
[3] *columpna* in MS.
[4] The Chapel of Gloucester Hall, or College, at Oxford, which was then being built: see the Appendix to Amundesham, Vol. II. p. 256.
[5] *scolarium* in MS.
[6] Sic in MS.
[7] *lacescant* in MS.

" tuit. Esset hæc infantia sine fræno, quæ, liberis fun-
" gens habenis, nescit licitis cohiberi limitibus, nec
" abstinere debite a ligni vetiti amaro pomo.

" Quod, Frater, in libro qui signatus est, seriosius
" perlegentes, advertentesque quot, qualia, quantaque,
" horum ratione excessuum, nascuntur quotidie oppro-
" bria in communi, recolligite vobis vires, et in talium
" omnium exterminium, ac insuper, ut gratia operi,
" fama labori, honor, virtusque, concrescat, et gloria
" laboranti, citra plenam exarationem jugeris, nolite
" missas ad aratrum revocare manus; semper in mente
" tenentes, quomodo propositum quod ex Deo est, infor-
" tunatum nescit exitum, et manus quæ movetur cum
" Domino, continue prope finem velocitat suum motum.
" Et si lingua procax, quæ promptior est mores corro-
" dere alienos quam corrigere suos, in emeritam vestri
" laboris sollicitudinem tales latratus exasperet, quibus
" forsan posset mens justa [1] lassescere, et mutare pro-
" positum ab incepto, vos tamen, bene memores quo-
" modo eloquio Socratico solus ab invidia liber extat
" [2] Thersites, quod cum Domino incepistis, in Domino
" perficite; et quemadmodum [3] ille linguarum, sitis vos,
" cum Aristippo, dominus aurium, de dictis eorum nil
" concipientes molestiæ, quia [4] cœci sunt, ducesque cœco-
" rum. Rara quidem est hæc fraternitas jam in terris,
" ubi Abel Cayn non impellit ex malitia; raraque, ac
" rarissima, est hæc societas in collegiis, ubi [5] Rachel
" Liæ non invideat, nec [6] Martha conqueritur de Maria.

" Quare, frater, si ipsa opera testimonium perhibeant
" de laboribus, sit vobis pro minimo judicari a talibus,
" qui linguas exacuunt, et [7] tendunt arcum, ut sagittent
" virum sine macula in obscuris."

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[1] *lacescere* in MS.
[2] *Tersites* in MS.
[3] *illi* in MS.
[4] *Matthew* xv. 14.
[5] *Genesis* xxx. 1.
[6] *Luke* x. 40.
[7] *tetendunt* in MS.

A Letter addressed to John, Bishop of Rochester.

"Præamabili Domino, [1]Johanni, Roffensi Episcopo, utri-
" usque fortunæ secum particeps, Johannes, de Sancto
" Albano Abbas, in magni ministerio præsulis offerre
" Domino incensum dignum, in odorem suavitatis. Ama-
" bilis, desiderabilisque, Pater, et Domine singularis,—
" Quod, mutabilis fortunæ inclinata tandem clementia,
" talentum in terra reconditum apponitur ad mensam,
" lucerna latens sub modio accenditur super candela-
" brum, et virtus, in pulvere sedens, ad honorem erigi-
" tur, et [2]obtinet præsulatum, nulla propterea sibi laus
" aut gloria fato, [3]sed Sibi soli omnis duntaxat gratia,
" gratiarumque actio, Qui, hunc humilians et hunc ex-
" altans, calicem in manu tenet vini meri plenum
" mixto.

" Ipse utique solus est, Qui fortunam inclinat ex hoc
" in hoc, et cogit, post amaros calices, propinare dulcia;
" solusque Ille Deus judex est, qui, ut exaltet cornua
" justi, Parcas jubet parcere, et commutare fata. Cujus
" commutationis et [4]omissionis, quia, rei referente suc-
" cessu, inpræsentiarum experti statis, evasistisque vires
" et iras quas solet sors aspera expendere in virtutes,
" utriusque fortunæ vobiscum ego particeps, in tam
" læta consecratione pontificis, cum oris [5]tympano, cor-
" disque organo, concino, 'Te Deum laudamus'; cum
" Conventu subnixius interpellans, ut qui de petra
" humili vos erexerit in [6]columnam grandem, sic erec-
" tam cum virtute roboret, ut orbem minuat, et sus-
" tineat Ecclesiam Sacrosanctam. Quod supernus Ar-
" tifex feliciter annuat pro voto, Qui Virginei ventris
" sub [7]arca clausus est, et mundum continet in
" pugillo."

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[1] John Langdon.
[2] *optinet* in MS.
[3] *set* in MS.
[4] *ominis* in MS.
[5] *timpano* in MS.
[6] *columpnam* in MS.
[7] *archa* in MS.

A Letter addressed to the Scholars of the Benedictine College at Oxford.

" In Christo præamabiles.—Vos, in Ipso Qui est " omnium vera salus, affectuosius salutantes, hiis vobis " litterarum paginis innotescimus, quomodo tractatum " dudum cum familiaribus agentes super hiis rerum " eventibus, qui anno lapso acciderant, et, de verisimili " conjectura, contingere habebunt temporibus jam futu- " ris, inter cætera nobis memoriter incidit, quomodo, " ratione mutationis regiæ monetæ, et præcipue prop- " ter carentiam originalis justitiæ eidem debitæ in- " esse, illa quæ alias vobis fuisset competens pro " salario [1] communis inter vos [2] scholarium contributio, " nunc in tanto videtur deficere, in quanto de auro " quod nobis excrescit de redditibus, partem decimam " decimamus ponderibus. Et ulterius, cum ipsum mise- " rimus ad excambium, ejusdem primitias offerimus " camsoribus, cogimurque eis dare quantum regiæ legis " decalogus decreverat dari eis.

" Deliberantes igitur, determinantesque finaliter con- " clusive, quomodo honestius expeditiusque vobis esset " in jam vacanti tempore redire ad gremium vestræ " matris, quam, similes orphanis, paternis carere suffra- " giis, et exercere studium cum penuria paupertatis, " vos monemus paternaliter per præsentes, ut circa " illum cessationis terminum, quo attenuatis labore " scholaribus otio vacare conceditur, et respirare ad " horam, studium salutetis, et librum, veniatisque ad " gremium de quo in prioribus fecimus mentionem ; et " nos pro expensis, si quas per viam effuderitis, ad " vestra lætificanda itinera, libentius rependemus."

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[1] *comunis* in MS. | [2] *scolarium* in MS.

A Letter from Abbot Whethamstede on his recent recovery from illness, written to a person not named.

" Præhonorabilis Pater, Frater, et Magister.—Post " debita recommendationis præambula, ad lætitiam, " prout existimo, vestri cordis, in hiis vobis annuncio " quæ scribentes petivistis, qualiter, etsi ad horam cas- " tigans castigavit me Dominus, morti tamen non tra- " didit; ideo forte quia vocari ad cœnam Agni hucus- " que non sum dignus. Unde si ad præsens hanc " mecum Altissimus fecerit misericordiam, qua non " moriar, [1] sed vivam, ut opera sua paulisper ulterius " enarrarem, non est tamen tempus narrationis in " spe firma celebrandi cum prolongatione dierum; præ- " sertim, cum post lucida intervalla temporum, semper " ingruentis morbi [2] mihi fœces minantur asperius " [3] recidivum.

" [4] Sentiens igitur quotidie nuncios mortis pulsantes " ad vitæ [5] ostium, censeam, si placeat paternas preces " rogantes, piissimum, ut, si [6] sero mane aut meridie " patuerit eis aditus, sic finis memoriam memoriter " teneam, quatenus in animo semper sim paratus. In " fragili enim corpore positus, adeo sum memoria fra- " gilis, ut absque precum adminiculo erit [2] mihi in obli- " vione hæc lectio,—' Memorare novissima tua, et in " ' æternum non peccabis.' Quæ ars rememorationis, " quamvis sit cunctis utilis, et valde expediens ad " salutem, [2] mihi tamen præ participibus plus est neces- " saria, et ideo ut in ipsa plus sapiam oro et invoco, " quatinus paterna caritas dignetur attollere suas " preces. Et caritas quæ nunquam excidit, ita magis

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[1] *set* in MS.
[2] *michi* in MS.
[3] This word is almost effaced, and is doubtful.
[4] *Centiens* in MS.
[5] *hostium* in MS.
[6] *cero* in MS.

" ac magis [1] abundet in vobis, ut semper vobiscum,
" etiam post meum interitum, maneat Deus pacis et
" dilectionis."

A Letter written to a person not named.

" Inter eos qui vota vovent voluntatem labii, et cum
" hiis qui vitam petunt longitudinem dierum in sæcu-
" lum sæculi. Benignissime dominorum domine.—Si
" spiritus pietatis benignus scribenti in præsens pro
" voto faveret, et sibi cordis tribueret desiderium, ne-
" quaquam pro lingua penna diceret, immo, absque quo-
" cunque medio, scribens ipse proponeret voluntatem
" labiorum. Profecto cum, in ea siccitate quam
" causat spiritus tristis in medullis ossium, melioris
" medelæ non meminerim quam sit [2] apud amicum
" cordis apertio, et relatio secretorum, ubi, quæso,
" illa medela quæ supra patris alloquium siccam
" meorum ossium medullam humectaret uberius ?
" Aut unde, rogo, tantum consilium, quod ultra sola-
" men mei spiritus tristitiam præservaret diutius a
" periculo [3] tentationis ? Revera si lecturus præsens
" scriptum me [4] minime intelligeret vendere vobis oleum,
" dicerem et [5] addicerem, quod nusquam docuit Sa-
" lamon sapiens tale consilium in Proverbiis, nec alibi
" tradiderat tantam medelam [6] Ypocras, medicus, in
" [7] Aphorismis. Veruntamen quia, causantibus pecca-
" torum ponderibus, hucusque me Dominus non præ-
" venit in benedictionibus tantæ dulcedinis, ut semper
" pro voto cordis corpus consequeretur situm termini
" distantioris, ideo, quod aperire non suffert intercep-

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[1] *habundet* in MS.
[2] *aput* in MS.
[3] *temptationis* in MS.
[4] *minine* in MS.
[5] *adicerem* in MS.
[6] Classically, "*Hippocrates*."
[7] *Afforismis* in MS.

" tum chaos ore tenus in persona, nunc officio calami,
" et [1] atramenti internuncio, referre decreveram littera-
" liter in membrana, quomodo pridie priusquam præ-
" sentium portitor versus vestram Dominationem arri-
" puerat suum iter, Reverendissimi Patris, Domini
" Cantuariensis, epistolas susceperam, [2] mihi signantes
" qualiter illustris Rex Angliæ, et Franciæ Regens,
" habita deliberatione de et super prælatis religiosis
" per clerum appunctuatis, et ad instans jam Generale
" Consilium transmittendis, [3] me unum, licet minus
" idoneum, cum cæteris transituris, in specie designavit.
" Unde et [2] mihi præmissa idem Dominus, prout
" scripserat, signavit ad hunc finem, ut, juxta Regis
" beneplacitum, et nominationem cleri, ad iter hujusmodi,
" prout convenit, me disponerem tempore congruo,
" utinam etiam, ac felici. In cujus rei significatione
" etsi in ea parte paulisper respiret vultus cum lætitia,
" quia, sine tunicæ [4] scissura dominicæ, cum clero jun-
" getur religio in Regis ambassiata, et in negotiis Ec-
" clesiæ sacrosanctæ; in altera tamen exspirat fere
" præ tristitia, pro eo quod promptitudini spiritus
" contradicit rebellio carnis, quæ continue est infirma
" præter posse, iter arreptum de raro aut [5] nunquam
" exitum soleat habere felicem, pavere pro nunc incipio,
" quod si [6] transire non poterit calix iste nisi bibam
" illum, ut aut lex fati suum sit exactura tributum
" in itinere, aut cum aura clemens me transvexerit
" ultra Alpes, ut fluit cera a facie ignis, liquescet cor-
" pus a vultu solis, et extinguetur spiritus præ calore.
" Nonne palam constat quomodo, propter formidinem iti-
" neris, fortiores de clero pugiles, sub [7] simulatæ locutionis
" [8] hyperbola, Domino respondent Cantuariensi:—' Pater,

[1] *attramenti* in MS.
[2] *michi* in MS.
[3] See Amundesham, Vol. I., p. 99.
[4] *cissura* in MS.
[5] "*nusquam*" in MS.
[6] *Matthew* xxvi. 42.
[7] *similatæ* in MS.
[8] *iperbola* in MS.

" 'si alias fieri non poterit, fiat voluntas tua?' Nun-
" quid insuper clamat mundus, et proclamat populus?—
" 'Raro Roma suos iterum mittit peregrinos,
" 'Rarius ipse locus ubi Christus erat crucifixus."

" Quid igitur mirum, etsi ego pusillus, ad quæcunque
" opera fortitudinis spiritum pusillanimem habens,
" jam inceperim pavere et cedere, fierique insuper in
" anima usque ad mortem tristis?

" In manus igitur vestras, Pater, commendans spiri-
" tum meum, vestra contra hujus passionis patibula
" invoco consilium et solamen."

A Letter to the Abbot's agent, in reference to the minority of the heir to the Manor of Sighelle.

" Plenitudinem gratiæ, ac benedictionem, cum salute.
" Frater in Christo præamabilis.—Missæ nobis dudum
" vestræ continebant epistolæ, quomodo ratione subortæ
" quæstionis super custodia et maritagio hæredis ma-
" nerii de [1] Sighelle, qui pro nunc infra ætatem exis-
" tit, fecistis ipsum manerium sub nomine nostro sei-
" siri, quousque subortæ quæstioni per doctos in lege
" responderi poterit, et nostra nobis justitia legitime
" diffiniri.

" Quanquam in hoc facto non aliter egistis quam
" agere oportuit fidelem servum, ac prudentem, [2] quem
" dominus constituit supra familiam suam, volu-
" mus tamen, et præcipimus, ut omnia quæ in hac
" parte sub nomine nostro ligari jussistis, præsentium
" auctoritate, jubeatis laxari, et permittatis hæredem
" libere gaudere titulo possessionis. Docti etenim sta-
" mus a peritis, et plenarie informamur, quod quia
" dictus hæres, seu successor, suo successit patruo, non

[1] Now Seghill, near Tynemouth, in Northumberland, belonging to the Priory there, a Cell of St. Alban's.

[2] *Matthew* xxv. 45.

" hæreditario jure, nec per lineam propagationis legi-
" timæ, immo, virtute potius cujusdam radicalis dona-
" tionis, et per viam talliationis ad hæredes mares, non
" poterimus aliquem titulum, jus, seu clameum, in hunc
" successorem, seu manerium, quomodolibet vendicare.
" Quamobrem, Frater et Confrater amicabilis, [1] [cum]
" non placeat Domino sacrificium de rapina, fiat, quæ-
" sumus, pusillo omnino justitia, permittaturque libere,
" absque quacunque obice, gaudere hæreditate sua.
" Semper tamen vobis gratias pro labore, alias de aliis,
" vobis scribemus; et ideo ad præsens, cum Domino,
" feliciter valeatis."

A Letter of apology to the guardian of the heir before-mentioned.

" Quasi lumen educere justitiam pro orphano, et tan-
" quam meridiem judicium producere pro pupillo.
" Justissime Domine, et pastor pie.—[2] Porrectis mihi
" nuper, vestræ Dominationis epistolas libenter admisi,
" lætanter respexi, satisque favorabiliter ad intentum
" quod optabant optatas litteras destinavi. Cum enim
" Summi sententia Judicis unicuique in justitia debitor
" existam, tenearque cunctis, et præcipue pupillis, suc-
" currere, ac semper pro viribus defendere illorum cau-
" sam; absit hoc a me, ut aliquando aut supplantans
" supplantem orphanum, aut, propter commodum pri-
" vatum, a [3] communi justitia recedam, et in pupillis
" peccem, ac contra Deum meum.
" Rogo igitur, Pater, ut id quod noster attornatus in
" vestrum [4] alumnum exercuerit, in distractione sui
" juris, non displiceat Paternitati vestræ, cum non alia
" intentione contra ipsum processerat, nisi ut sub nube
" latens palam patesceret veritas, et [5] mihi fidem ser-

[1] Omitted in MS.
[2] *Porectis michi* in MS.
[3] *comuni* in MS.
[4] *alumpnum* in MS.
[5] *michi* in MS.

" varet in suæ officio administrationis. Cum enim in " Studio ideo dubium proponitur, ut ventiletur veritas, " in judicioque lis impetitur, ut diffiniatur æquitas, non " habet vestra discretio mali quicquam concipere, etsi " de jure nostro vir fluitans sub dubio sibi, quousque " elucesceret veritas, certiorem partem elegerit, aut si " talia fecerit, qualia [1] mihi nuper significabant litteræ " vestræ Paternitatis venerandæ.

" Utique si, Altissimo teste, [2] filii hujus lucis pru- " dentiores in generatione sua sint, ita quod interdum " cum [3] villico iniquitatis pro centum quinquaginta " scribere non rubescunt, non potest servus prudens et " fidelis supra aut ultra prudentiam agere in detectione " suæ fraudis. Igitur, Pater, quod prudenter et absque " fraude factum est, vos clementer, et sine felle, cum " Domino [4] toleretis."

A Letter of condolence to a person not named.

" Cum [5] Dominus dederit, gratias agere, et cum ab- " stulerit, patienter [6] tolerare. In Christo carissime.— " Considerantes propensius, et ante mentis oculos jugi- " ter revolventes, amaricatam doloris materiam quam " intus geritis in visceribus, ratione guerræ pestiferæ, " quam mors, quæ nemini parcit, in vos nuper exer- " cuit, et in fines vestros, ita vobis in visceribus cari- " tatis compatimur, ut, nisi doceremur per Scripturam " ubi dolor non proficit, ibi non esse dolendum, mate- " riam privatam faceremus communem, et vobiscum in " hiis vestris doloribus æquanimiter tristaremur.

" Accipientes tamen ex libellis quomodo—

" ' Mors juvenes, mors ipsa senes, mors opprimit " ' omnes,'

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[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *Luke* xvi. 8.
[3] *vilico* in MS.
[4] *tolleretis* in MS.
[5] In allusion to *Job* i. 21.
[6] *tollerare* in MS.

" ita, cum Domino, nostræ tristitiæ imposuimus modum,
" ut cum mors oppresserit quemquam hominem, dica-
" mus, cum [1] viro justo,—'Factum est ut Domino pla-
" 'cuit, sit nomen Domini benedictum.' Similem
" igitur consolationis [2] materiem habentes, Frater, si
" placeat, fixam in sanctuario pectoris, id malum contra
" quod nullum invenitur [3] antidotum ferte patienter,
" consulimus; et semper absque mentis tristitia, seu
" murmure cordis, benedicito Dominum in donis suis."

A Letter addressed to the Confessor of the House of Syon, on the death of King Henry the Fifth.

" Eximiæ religionis viro, Confessori, sive Præposito,
" Domus de Sancta Syon, Johannes, de Sancto Albano
" Abbas, illudque in ambiguis exequi, quod est accep-
" tuis in oculis summi Dei. Amicabilis Domine, et
" Pater devote.—Quia Christianissimus ipse Princeps,
" cujus intuitu maxime, sub Deo, prospera fuissent
" vestræ peregrinationis itinera, jam, [4] proh dolor! prout
" accepimus, Ipso jubenti, Qui hominem formavit de
" limo terræ, exuvias carnis deposuit, et, completo
" regni termino, in manus [5] [Ejus] sub Quo rexit, [6] scep-
" trum regium resignavit;—ex quo, in casu tam sinis-
" tro, frangitur vobis baculus adjutorii, et pendet res
" tota amplius in ambiguo; optamus nobis diffinitive
" per vestras litteras significari, an, causa vestra Altis-
" simo recommissa, intenditis vestrum propositum pro-
" sequi, aut, mutata jam auræ clementia, supersedere ad
" tempus, quousque mundus, pro nunc ut mare ebulliens,
" fiat paulisper tranquillior naviganti.

" Quodsi in omni eventu, et sub spe expeditionis
" fortuitæ, in causa tam sancta, disjunctivæ vobis pro-

[1] *Job* i. 21.
[2] *maneriem* in MS.
[3] *antitodum* in MS.
[4] *proth* in MS.
[5] Omitted in MS.
[6] *ceptrum* in MS.

" positæ præeligitis partem primam, id nobis cedula-
" riter significetis, et nostrorum promissorum præmissas
" inferemus conclusionaliter, et inviolatam servabimus
" fidem nostram.

" Si tamen digni haberemur in dandis consiliis, con-
" suleremus vobis ut iterum ac iterum, alias ac pluries,
" partes utrasque revolveretis in mente, et inter alia
" solide deliberaretis, si, Rege jam vagiente in cunabilis,
" posset grex vester, quamvis [1] tenerrimus per vestræ
" educationis ubera minime ablactetur, ulterius tuto
" stare præsidio, et absque luporum insultibus liberius
" pascua carpere in absentia sui pastoris. Quod si in
" hac parte fidem habueritis, ut [2] granum sinapis, quia,
" teste Scriptura, omnia possibilia sunt credenti, facia-
" tis quod bonum est in oculis vestris. Ut comes in
" itinere sit vobiscum Dominus, dirigatque in prospe-
" ris gressus vestros."

Letter addressed by the Abbot to a recalcitrant brother, on his removal from St. Alban's to Christ Church, Canterbury.

See the *Annales* of Amundesham, Vol. I. p. 91.

Licence given by the Abbot to the said monk to migrate.

See the *Annales* of Amundesham, Vol. I. p. 90.

A Letter of censure upon a delinquent monk.

" Sub raucitate faucium salutem, et cum cancellatione
" manuum benedictionem. Degener discipule, novæque
" legifer [3] apostasiæ.—Si angelo [4] Ephesi ideo Filius ho-
" minis aliquid habebat dicere, quia primam suam
" caritatem reliquerat, nec tamen odio dignos sibi

[1] *tenerimus* in MS.
[2] *Matthew* xvii. 20.
[3] *See* Amundesham, Vol. I., pp. 89, 90.
[4] *Rev.* ii. 1.

" Nicholaitas conjunxerat in amore; quot, credis, frater,
" tibi poterimus rationabiliter objicere, qui, tuæ votivæ
" caritatis rejecta gratia, deteriores nedum per omnia
" Sarabaitis insequeris? Verum insuper ipsius callidi
" serpentis fraudes machinaris, et facta, qui primus ino-
" bedientiæ culpam in claustro Paradisi conceperat, ut
" secum consortes conjungeret in sua pœna.

" Verum, Frater, si singula absque [1] syncopa jam va-
" caret dicere, quæ recenter gerimus in [2] ærario nostræ
" mentis, nec penna, quamvis ferrea, tua valeret anor-
" mala scribere, nec lingua, licet ænea, singula tuorum
" excessuum ludibria sufficeret jam referre. Quam-
" obrem, frater, circa [3] nostrum nolentes calamum
" inutiliter otiari, nec tuos ad præsens dicemus mores
" degeneres, quibus, instar cuculi, tuæ [4] alumnæ obse-
" quia male remuneras, nec appetitus referemus illici-
" tos, quibus, ut traheres tibi similem, ad modum
" viperæ, corroderas viscera tuæ matris; immo, horroris
" ruboribus talia ac majora cum dissimulatione per-
" transeuntes, [5] hortamur ac consulimus, ut revoces ad
" memoriam unde jam excideris, agensque pœnitentiam
" prima opera tua iterum reassumas. Alioquin, Ille
" injuriarum Vindex, de Cujus ore exibit [6] gladius bis
" acutus, cum ira indignationis, tibi veniet, [7] amovebitque
" candelabrum tuum de loco suo, et vindicabitur de
" injuriis nostris.

" Igitur, Frater, cum per nos jam caritative præmu-
" nitus fueris, caveas ne, alium fallens, per auctorem
" fraudis etiam tu fallaris. Vale *et cætera.*"

A Letter addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

See the *Annales* of Amundesham, Vol. I. p. 118.

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[1] *sincopa* in MS.
[2] *errario* in MS.
[3] *inpo*^{le}, apparently, in MS.
[4] *alumpnæ* in MS.
[5] *ortamur* in MS.
[6] See *Rev.* ii. 12.
[7] *ammovebitque* in MS.

A Letter addressed to the Bishop of Rochester.

" Singularissimo Patri suo, ac Domino, Domino J.,
" Roffensi Episcopo, suus unus et unicus, J., de Sancto
" Albano Abbas, intimam ex cordis visceribus recom-
" mendam, ac eo baculo maris Jordanem transgredi,
" quod cum duabus turmis conducat vos Dominus
" ad portum littoris adoptati. Præhonorabilis Domine,
" Pastor amabilis, et Doctor, ex meritis recolende.—
" Pro divini cordis desideriis quibus in collegam meam
" infimam appetitis personam in itineribus versus
" Alpes, Ille, Qui potens est, potenter vos remuneret,
" et ego in tanto gratias refero, ad quantum [1] pygmæa
" mea virtus virtualiter se protendit; ex quo etenim
" adeo fixus fatali stat funiculo meæ transitionis casus,
" quod, solidæ mansionis securitate relicta, dubiis jam
" maris eventibus cogor, anchora subtracta, vela com-
" mittere, et de tuto Opis hospitio ad frigida, fragilia-
" que, Neptuni tentoria remigare, id solum [2] mihi
" ministrat consolationis materiam, quod in hujus re-
" migationis periculo conjungetur David Jonathæ, inter-
" que [3] Scyllam et Charybdim velificaturus est Æneas,
" fidissimo cum Achate.

" Cujus rei gratia, de vecordia in audaciam jam
" resurgens, paratus sum, omni timiditatis pallore
" dempto, ratem vobiscum scandere, etiam quamvis
" Æolus obvias in via posuerit insidias, inque velum
" ruens, malum infregerit, et rudentes. Non enim pal-
" lescere valet vultus oris, dummodo rector navis adest,
" alter [4] Tiphys, nec frigescere poterit facies cordis,
" ubi novus [5] Automedon tenet gubernaculum, et sola-
" men confert in ventorum turbidine ac procellis. Erga
" igitur signatum transitionis terminum veniam, favente

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[1] *pigmæa* in MS.
[2] *michi* in MS.
[3] *Scillam et Caribdim* in MS.
[4] *Tiphis* in MS.: Virgil *Ecl.* iv. 34.
[5] *Authomedon* in MS.: Virgil, *Aneid* ii. 477.

" Altissimo, ad partes, fiamque animo hilari et corde
" humili utriusque fortunæ vobiscum particeps, ac pro
" viribus famulus in itineribus vestris. Quæ itinera
" Ille feliciter dirigat, Qui—'[1] Via est, et veritas,' fixoque
" pede super [2] maria ambulabat."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Cell of B[ynham].

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, præamabili in
" Christo Fratri, [3] R., Priori Cellæ suæ obedientiæ de
" B., continuum pro voto successum, ac, ad salutem
" saucii, post [4] vinum oleum fundere, et in justifica-
" tionem impii cum virga ferulam [5] coercere. In
" Christo prædilecte.—Ad medelam fratris morbidi nos,
" quamvis ad tempus usi fuerimus cauterio, rationeque
" humoris peccantis, manus cohibuerimus a fomento,
" quia tamen calamum [6] quassandum non conterendum
" legimus, volumus ad vos, causa mutandi aeris, cum
" accesserit, ut alternetis ei vices, postque nostræ inci-
" sionis aspera, apponatis mollia, ac utamini leni-
" mentis.

" Interdum etenim quos dira non flectunt verbera,
" verba frangunt suavia, sæpiusque plus ægris confert
" dulcis potio quam amara. Casu tamen quia, fœminea
" qualitate præventus, [7] contemnat servare præcepta
" medici, bestialique suggerente appetitu, semper sit rei
" pronus quæ prohibetur ei, extunc vinum redeat
" merum in aquam, et, pro oleo, felle [8] mixtam medelam
" [9] sentiat corrosivam. Expedit utique in salutem spi-

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[1] *John* xiv. 6.
[2] *Matthew* xiv. 26.
[3] Robert Stoke, Prior of Bynham, no doubt, is meant.
[4] In allusion to *Luke* x. 34.
[5] *cohercere* in MS.
[6] Qy "*quassatam.*" *Isaiah* xlii. 3; *Matthew* xii. 20.
[7] *contempnat* in MS.
[8] This word is indistinct and doubtful.
[9] *censeat* in MS.

" ritus affligere corpus, ulteriusque, juxta quod docet
" Apostolus, uti ferro [1] abscissionis.
" Habentes igitur, Frater, erga utramque morbi spe-
" ciem hanc nostram medelam duplicem, ita alternare,
" applicareque, curetis ad morbos, quatenus, cum discre-
" tione, hiis utamur sæpius quæ plus conferre [2] pote-
" runt, ac infirma sanare viscera filii ægrotantis. Et
" tria in hoc genere curationis necessaria, mansuetudo,
" videlicet, austeritas, et discretio, sint vobis apothe-
" carii, materiamque ministrent in omni alternatione
" vestra."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Benedictine Students [at Oxford].

" Præhonorabili in Christo Fratri, ac amico singulari,
" Magistro T., Studentium Priori, suus totus ac totis-
" simus, J., de Sancto Albano Abbas, continuum hono-
" ris, onerisque, incrementum, ac manum ad fortiora
" mittere, fusumque cum digito in fortitudine circum-
" ferre. Frater politice, jugisque zelator reipublicæ.—
" Si ille non ambulat in magnis neque in mirabilibus
" super se, qui in magnis est magnanimus, nec potentiæ
" parcit, aut pecuniæ, quousque id quod cœperit con-
" cluserit bono fine, carissimam nobis vestram [3] horta-
" mur amicitiam, ac excitamus cum Domino, ut quad-
" raginta annorum fabrica, quæ, ratione temporis magis
" quam operis, similitudinem retinet cum ædificio Sala-
" monis, adeo magnum ac magnanimum in vobis [4] sen-
" tiat animum, quatenus, non prius [5] lassescat manus
" in operibus, quam præsens [6] prospexerit oculus quod in
" fieri est novissimum, nec citra tepescat ardor spiri-

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[1] *abscicionis* in MS.
[2] *poterint* in MS.
[3] *ortamur* in MS.
[4] *censeat* in MS.
[5] *lacescat* in MS.
[6] *prospexit* in MS.

" tus, quam palpans attrectaverit digitus quod in [1] sin-
" cipitis [2] imagine erat primum. Finem profecto cir-
" cumloquimur, cujus nos exemplar cum dudum in
" mente gessimus, nec tamen prout volumus, potuimus
" applicare ad opus, vestris optamus mediis, nostris-
" que rogamus instantiis, ut tandem forma nubat ma-
" teriæ, desinatque ulterius vulgari vocabulo dici '[3] idea
" ' Platonis.'

" Revera cum tam gratiæ quam scientiæ tot statis
" beati beneficiis, ut, ad promovendum hucusque male
" [4] factum ædificium, sciatis quæ sit ejusdem longitudo,
" latitudo, sublimitas, ac profundum; nisi ipsius imper-
" fectum quod viderant oculi nostri, vos ad perfectum
" reduxeritis, consummaveritisque finaliter in diebus
" vestris, timemus quod domus Domini, quam vir san-
" guinum David erigere non promeruit, imperfecta sta-
" bit diutius, nec perficiatur temporibus sapientissimi
" Salamonis. Quod rei dispendium si contigerit, quod
" absit, omnes hanc videntes deridebunt, loquentes ne-
" dum labiis, et moventes caput, verum insuper præ-
" tereuntes blasphemabunt, dicentes:—'[5] Vah! qui
" ' incepit templum Domini, et in annis quadraginta
" ' non ædificat illud.' Istud, Frater, mentaliter revol-
" ventes, recolligentesque in visceribus quot in ea parte
" Ordini succrescunt scandala, subrepuntque opprobria
" religioni,—' Dum calor est, ac pulchra dies,' partesque
" operi habetis benevolos ac faventes, faciatis quod
" poteritis pro titulo ac termino consummationis.

" Et Qui in tribus diebus destructum [6] reædificavit
" templum sui corporis, mittat vos auxilium de sancto,
" et de Syon tueatur vos ab omni offendiculo inter-
" polationis."

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[1] *cincipitis* in MS.
[2] *ymagine* in MS.
[3] *ydea* in MS.
[4] *fatatum* apparently in MS.
[5] *Vath* in MS.
[6] In allusion to *Matthew* xxvi. 61.

A Letter addressed to the Prior and Convent of the Cell of W[ymundham].

"Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, dilectis in "Christo filiis, Priori et Conventui ecclesiæ suæ obe- "dientiæ de W., cum divina et nostra benedictione, "salutem; taliterque meditari in lege Domini, qua- "tenus si [1] septuagesies septies in vos peccaverit ves- "ter servus, discatis ei gratiosius misereri. Filii in "Christo prædilecti.—Litteras vestras, excessum et "transgressum servientis vestri, ac nativi, J. S., ex- "pressius continentes, benigna manu recepimus, et per- "legimus seriose. Ex quarum tenore cum bene col- "legimus, quomodo erga jam dictum Johannem vestræ "voluntariæ positiones magis solito exasperatæ exis- "terent, quam remissæ, non sine miratione transivi- "mus, præsertim cum bene meminimus nos vobis "nuperrime epistolas persuasorias direxisse, vos qui- "bus [2] hortati fuimus, si peccator tandem rediret ad "cor, velletque ex corde suum humiliter fateri delic- "tum, illius non mortem exoptantes, [3] sed vitam, inter "rigorem et misericordiam mediam justitiam faceretis.

"Siquidem, fratres, cum hoc sit genus mensuræ qua "si non mensi fueritis aliis, nec [4] remetietur vobis, non "mirum si miramur, et admiramur, quibus mente, corde, "vel spiritu, ducti estis, ut asperius post nostras [5] ex- "hortatorias quam prius taliter, postpositis pietatis "visceribus, in attritum hominem exacerbastis. Non "enim, fratres, sine subjecta causa taliter vos [2] hortati "fuimus; neque vos, ut videtur, nobis sine majori ne- "cessitatis instantia nostris contrarium instantiis fecis- "setis. Quippe, juxta [6] Scripturas, quas nos perlegimus,

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[1] In allusion to *Matthew* xviii. 22.
[2] *ortati* in MS.
[3] *set* in MS.
[4] In allusion to *Matthew* vii. 2.
[5] *exortatorias* in MS.
[6] 1 *Samuel* xvii. 34, 35.

" non est expediens ut in agnis obedientiæ ira leonis
" desæviat, neque fertur multum conveniens ut gladius
" Ecclesiæ cum vindicta pertranseat, ubi temporalis
" bipennis sæpius misericors esse solet; igitur, fratres,
" etsi nos ei, qui quotidie cum lacrimis contritionis
" nos sollicitat, sinum gratiæ non clauserimus, nolite
" plus quam decet, aut res necessitat, admirari; cum
" in hoc, licet non humano, divino tamen, ut cre-
" dimus, ducimur consilio; et, veluti in Deo spera-
" mus, exitus rei id probabit. In cujus probationis
" partiale judicium, quem ad nos, fraude, dolo, ma-
" litiaque, prout scripsistis, undique circumventum,
" transmisistis virum, ad vos attritionis contritionisque
" lacrimis plenum, et suspiriis, remittimus, nobis fide-
" jussorie, juratorieque, obligatum, quatinus, juxta sui
" quantitatem, qualitatemque, delicti, in omnibus, prout
" ex parte vestra rationabiliter exigi poterit, et juridice,
" quatenus facultates ei sufficiunt, competenter satis-
" faciet, et sine fraude.

" Et ne nos fallant, quæ sæpius fallere solent, sub spe
" libertatis, servilia promissa, et verba in dolo locuta,
" transmisimus, cum ipso Johanne, unum de clericis
" nostris, virum utique satis maturum, et in utroque
" jure graduatum, ad audiendum, interessendum, et
" videndum, quomodo sæpedictus Johannes compensa-
" bit dicta factis; necnon ad significandum vobis, pro
" parte nostra, ore tenus, quibus semper visceribus erga
" suam personam affecti fuimus, quomodoque semper
" erimus pro viribus solliciti, fortiori protectionis clipeo,
" licet cum moderamine discretionis et clementiæ, a qui-
" buscunque malignantium insidiis protegere vos et
" vestra.

" Sibi igitur volumus ut fidem detis indubiam pro parte
" nostra in dicendis, ut diutius in Domino valeatis."

A Letter addressed to William, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

" Venerabili in Christo Patri et Domino, Domino " Lichefeldensi Episcopo, suus unicus adoptatus, Johan- " nes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, post humilem recom- " mendam, cum utriusque effusione hominis in gratia " jugiter proficere [1] spiritus septiformis.—Ad nostri ec- " clesiam gubernationis eo lætius accessum admiseram " columbæ jam noviter revertentis, quo ramum virentis " [2] olivæ in ore suo detulit, et per vera verborum in- " dicia operientes, non sine molestia paterni cordis, " superficiem aquas conceptæ ingratitudinis cessasse " penitus nunciavit.

" Verum, Pater, hæc dictæ columbæ, vestri, videlicet, " capellani, et nostri commonachi, credentia, quam [3] mihi " exposuit ex parte vestra, oleum erat dulcoris in ore, " [4] cithara suavitatis in aure, fluminisque impetus, men- " tis civitatem lætificans, in interiori corde. Nam sui " nuncii ipse [5] idoneus interpres paterni cordis affectum " sincerum, cum tanta verborum dulcedine, aperuit, ut " si, adversante fortuna ulterius, res per effectum non " correspondeat in factis, in hoc sincero vestro pro- " misso plenarie contentabitur suæ prolis interior homo " totus.

" Igitur, Pater, quamvis ipsi collaterales venti, quibus " sæpius silentium impono, flaverint a latere, et expro- " braverint nomen vestrum, tanquam malum, nec mente " contristamini, aut spiritu ; nec corde commoveamini, " aut affectu, quia canes sunt, et non homines, qui " applaudenti oblatrant, degeneresque filii, et proprii " honoris immemores, qui paterna viscera lateraliter " sic corrodunt.

" Plenam itaque, si placeat, in vestro adoptato geren- " tes fiduciam, quomodo semper, dum vixerit, vestris

[1] *Rev.* iii. 1.
[2] In allusion to *Genesis* viii. 11.
[3] *michi* in MS.
[4] *cithera* in MS.
[5] *ydoneus* in MS.

" desideriis obsequiosus pro bono fiet, nolite, quæso, sui
" causa, aut Monasterii, [1][plus] debito solliciti esse, dicen-
" tes,—'[2] Quid manducabimus, bibemus, aut operiemur?'
" cum revera, præter summam [3] accommodati jam ha-
" bitam, ulterius residuum in bonis quæ possideo sem-
" per ad nutum habebitis; et sic, si placeat petere,
" petite, et accipietis. Cæterum ubi ab intimis deprecati
" estis, cum tamen magis placeret quod mandaretis, ut
" obedientiæ columbam, ad claustri [4] arcam revertentem,
" vestri consideratione obsequii, brachiis favoris dignarer
" admittere in amplexu, quid, vestri rogatus intuitu, agere
" decrevero finaliter cum effectu, non scriptum, [5] sed
" factum, vestræ plenius aperiet Paternitati venerandæ.
" Quam ad felix regimen dominici gregis semper
" prosperum conservet Pastor bonus, [6] Qui animam dat
" pro ovibus suis."

A Letter addressed to William, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

" Singularissimo Domino, Domino Lichefeldensi Epis-
" copo, suæ disciplinationis discipulus, Johannes, de Sancto
" Albano Abbas, cum debita reverentia, recommendatio-
" nem humilem, ac, post relictam monachorum naviculam, in altiori vocationis genere prudentius regere
" ratem grandem.—Visis vestræ Dominationis epistolis,
" et intellectis, cum inter cætera satis gaudenter con-
" ceperam, quomodo, Ipso remigante Qui ventis imperat,
" et mari, ad portum, in quo nunc cum lætitia statio-
" nis fixistis anchoram, prosperis applicuistis velis, ha-
" buistisque hora velificationis auram tranquillam, et
" ventum pro voto flantem, in interiori homine lætabar
" vehementius, eo quod tempore tanto siluerunt fluctus

[1] Omitted in MS.
[2] In allusion to *Matthew* vi. 31.
[3] *accomodati* in MS.
[4] *archam* in MS.
[5] *set* in MS.
[6] In allusion to *John* x. 15.

" maris, et quia jam vos Dominus ad portum deduxe-
" rat vestræ beneplacitæ voluntatis. Lætatus sum in-
" super in hiis quæ dicta sunt [1] mihi, qualiter vester
" fuerat incolatus eo felicius prolongatus, quatenus
" stantes essent pedes vestri in atriis alterius Jerusalem,
" quæ ædificatur ut civitas; vosque, quasi de [2] Ægypto
" translati in Chanaan, post glebam sterilem, arenam-
" que aridam, inhabitatis terram bonam, terram utique
" rivorum et fontium, terram frumenti, [3] hordei, ac
" vinearum, ubi, absque ulla penuria, pane vestro vesci
" poteritis cum populo pacifico, rerumque omnium
" [4] abundantia perfrui, quam homo posuerit exterior in
" corde vestro.

" Quippe hæc [1] mihi sententialiter transcripta eloquia
" ignita extiterant vehementius, et qualia semper dilexe-
" rat vester servus. Cum enim paterna educatione era-
" tis, estis, et eritis, [1] mihi assumptus in patrem, egoque,
" licet absque meritis, pia affectione a vobis adoptatus
" in filium, [5] nihil prosperi successus contingere valet
" in uno, quod materia lætitiæ non fiet in altero; et
" spero ut in hac parte non fiam proles degenerans in
" idipsum; ut enim ex corde loquor, et absque ullo
" [6] simulationis proverbio, nullius viventis est [1] mihi
" jocundior felicitas, nullius desiderabilior prosperitas;
" et ideo, ut, post tam felix initium, semper feliciorem-
" que consequamini progressum, in intimis præcordiis
" ipsum invoco pium Deum.

" Præterea, ut hiis ulterius quæ scripsistis fiam pro
" voto plenarius responsalis, vestræ, præsentium tenore,
" Paternitati significo, quomodo in salutatione filiorum,
" cancellatione indenturarum, ac etiam in [7] accommoda-
" tione libri, dicti [8] Januensis in suo 'Catholicon,' debi-

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[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *Egipto* in MS.
[3] *ordei* in MS.
[4] *habundantia* in MS.
[5] *nichil* in MS.
[6] *similationis* in MS.
[7] *accomodatione* in MS.
[8] John of Genoa.

" tam pro viribus feci diligentiam, immo, omnia per-
" duxi plenarie ad effectum.

" Quantum vero ad utriusque nostrum servienti
" [1]communi, M., videlicet, B., cum mei favoris gratia,
" concedendam licentiam redeundi ad vestra servitia,
" licet aliunde ad limitatum sibi officium [2]hactenus
" improvisus neutraliter ad præsens respondeam, illud
" breve discretionis indicium, quod rationis lance hoc
" meum rude librat responsum, in minimo, deprecor,
" non offendam. Sub spe namque sui obsequii, utile
" valde, prout constat, [3]Registri negotium jam diutius,
" non sine negligentiæ nota, rememorationisque dis-
" pendio, crastinatum extiterat; sicque de contingenti-
" bus multis vix unum in præsens registratum erat.
" Manum igitur quam heri hujusmodi sollicitudinis
" aratro apposuit, si hodie, dimisso arationis officio,
" penitus revocaret, duplex in hoc operis incepti se-
" queretur incommodum, ut, videlicet, nec finis medio,
" nec medium, propter interpolationem, conveniret prin-
" cipio; et sic, quod nollet patris benignitas, confun-
" deretur filiale propositum, crastinansque ulterius
" quamlibet crastinare viderer negotium supradictum.
" Quousque, igitur, in labores illius alius introire po-
" terit [4]idoneus, ipsum quod [5]mihi nunc exhibet
" obsequium patienter [6]tolerare dignetur vestræ dis-
" cretionis benignitas pastoralis.

" Quam Altissimus in vera amicitia sic perficiat,
" consolidet, et confirmet, ut opus bonum et privatum
" semper in [7]utrisque nobis [8]commune fiat. Amen."

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[1] *comuni* in MS.
[2] *actenus* in MS.
"*renovavi illud quod*" is inserted, as coming before this word, in the margin, but in another hand.
[4] *ydoneus* in MS.
[5] *michi* in MS.
[6] *tollerare* in MS.
[7] Sic in MS.
[8] *comune* in MS.

A Letter addressed to Thomas, Prior of the Cell of T[ynemouth].

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, dilectissimo in " Christo filio, Thomæ, Priori Cellæ suæ de T., cum " successu et salute in utroque nomine, benedictionem " per gratiam hæreditarie possidere. Fili in Christo " carissime. — Cum dudum, Ipso cooperante, Qui pia " prævenientio vota etiam adjuvando prosequitur, de- " sideratos quaternos et codices nobis cum litteris mis- " sos aspeximus, et fuimus ipsos, post speculationem, " in ænigmate facie ad faciem præsentialiter intuentes, " læti pro tunc, vestra quemadmodum industria pro- " meruit, nostraque pro parte decuit, ad grates vobis " surreximus, sicut et nunc etiam resurgimus, post " gratesque iterum gratias refundimus, cum intima " medulla nostri cordis; de cætero crediturі pro firmo, " quomodo ex hiis vestris verbis, verborumque nomi- " nibus, ex tot veluti partibus Donati, congrua et per- " fecta subsistit veritatis oratio, deque verbalibus " fiendorum promissis, quasi de totidem [1] dialecticorum " præmissis, conclusive infertur non dubium, [2] sed " debitum, ex assumpto.

" Quocirca, carissime, nos, qui, licet indigne, cathe- " dram altioris [3] scholæ conscendimus, et Maximas [4] Aris- " totelis in parte perlegimus, Moraliaque [5] Catonis, si, " prout a quibusdam, quorum fides minime ut [6] gra- " num sinapis, conjectorie concipitur, vobis in simili " morum scientia inferiores essemus, [7] vellemusque ali- " quid dicere aut promittere, quod [8] apud grammaticum " in tali verborum constructione congruam sententiam " non faceret, ac penes [9] dialecticum, per figuræ dictio-

[1] *dialeticorum* in MS.
[2] *set* in MS.
[3] *scolæ* in MS.
[4] *Cathonis* in MS.
[5] *Aristotilis* in MS.
[6] In allusion to *Matthew* xvii. 20.
[7] *vellimusque* in MS.
[8] *aput gramaticum* in MS.
[9] *dialeticum* in MS.

" nis fallaciam, amplius sophistice quam propter quid
" potissime demonstraret, non essemus, prout lege tene-
" mur, officii in omnibus Forma facti nostri gregis, nec
" mensuram bonam, confertam, et super-effluentem, de
" qua [1] Dominus in Evangelio meminit, [2] mereremur
" recipere in nostros sinus.

" Igitur, Fili, cum tali aut tanta mensura non pote-
" rimus simul ab Auctore gratiæ gratiam recipere, et
" vestra per injuriam rapere, pariter penes nos reti-
" nere 'Peregrini Peram,' et vestram ex corde habere
" amicitiam, eligimus, cum simul utrumque habere non
" poterimus, citius libro carere quam amico, studiique
" potius fervorem præscindere, quam dubitantibus de
" libri restitutione supra mensuram dubitationis mate-
" riam ministrare. Juxta igitur, Frater, vestræ delibera-
" tionis decretum, limitetur nobis inspectionis terminus,
" et, in adjutorio Altissimi, 'Pera' pro nunc peregrinans
" extra signatos nobis limites in protectione vestra
" commorabitur, et repatriabit ad suas partes.

" In illo, Fili, quod nostra consilia petitis de scriben-
" dis litteris testimonialibus super certificandis ætate et
" qualitate vestrarum ordinandorum, prout ab Episcopi
" ministris exigitur,—quamvis quod petitur apud vos
" fuerit quid novum et invisum, quia tamen est Cano-
" nibus consonum, et in nullo præjudicans privilegiis
" vestri juris, non consulimus vobis in hac parte
" ponere obicem, aut movere litem; [3] sed de cætero
" saltem, si [4] opportune importuneque litteras petant,
" sic scribere Domino Episcopo ordinanti :—'Reveren-
" 'dissimæ Paternitati vestræ, confratres et commona-
" 'chos nostros J. et H., [5] acolytos, subdiaconos, *et*
" '*cætera*, ad ordinem diaconatus transmittimus ordi-
" 'nandos; humiliter supplicantes, et devote, quatinus

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[1] *Luke* vi. 38.

[2] *meremur* in MS. The whole of this passage is apparently in a corrupt state, and its meaning obscure in the extreme.

[3] *set* in MS.

[4] *oportune* in MS.

[5] *accolitos* in MS.

" ' eosdem confratres et commonachos nostros, in ætate
" ' et qualitate ad hunc ordinem sufficienter et legitime
" ' constitutos, per sacrarum manuum vestrarum impo-
" ' sitionem, promovere dignemini, intuitu caritatis. In
" ' cujus rei testimonium, *et cætera.*'

" In isto ulterius, ubi scribitis ut mittamus vobis
" [1]epitaphium conveniens pro tumulo illius viri paci-
" fici, nostri [2]avunculi, super quem, dum ageret in
" humanis, taliter requievit spiritus pacis, ut jam de
" pia fide credatur in pace locus ejus; cum [1]epitaphium,
" juxta nominis derivationem, ab '*epy*' dicatur, quod
" est 'supra,' et '*graphios*,' 'scriptura,' quasi scriptura
" referens ad extra, qualis, quantusque, ipse fuerit, qui
" subtus latet in terra; ad referendum jam dicti viri
" quantitatem et qualitatem in moribus, et dignitatis
" apicem, hoc nostrum, licet metrum rude, quod tamen
" sculpi volumus in quatuor tumuli lateribus, trans-
" mittimus, sub hoc tenore:—

" ' Quam pax legavit, cum se super astra levavit,
" ' Pace gregem pavit pius hic Prior, et saturavit.
" ' Hinc, grex, implores, implorandoque perores,
" ' Pacis in Auctore requiescat, pacis amore.'

" Sub pedibus vero sculptæ [3]imaginis hos versus
" optamus scribi:—

" ' En! licet oblita jacet hic sub pulvere trita,
" ' Sculpta suis annis Whethamstede [4]imago Johan-
" ' nis.'

" Et hæc, juxta videre nostrum, creditur esse scrip-
" tura conveniens pro tumulo dicti patris. Et vos in
" nomine Patris et Filii feliciter valeatis, et in gratia
" Spiritus Sancti."

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[1] *ephithaphium* in MS.
[2] See Amundesham, Vol. I. p. 220.
[3] *ymaginis* in MS.
[4] *ymago* in MS.

A Letter addressed to John, Prior of the Cell of H.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, prædilecto in " Christo confratri, Johanni, Cellæ suæ obedientiæ " de [1] H., spiritum discretionis, cum salute, ac semper " in regimine virtutem vitio anteferre.—Carissime, cum " dudum recordanda relatione recepimus quomodo viros " duos in vestro habetis obsequio sic inter se diversi- " mode conversantes, ut unus, mundum habens in odium, " et carnem in contemptum, cum [2] Paulo cupiat dis- " solvi, et cum Christo esse; alter vero, officium exer- " cens ad prædam, et negotium dirigens in rapinam, " nec cum Domino judicium diligit, nec cum Propheta " odio rapinam in holocaustum habet; volumus et " consulimus, si et quatenus hæc sit rei veritas, " quemadmodum informati sumus, ut illi qui sic de " hoste triumphans duplici, in paupertate vitam ducit, " vobiscumque pauperem victum habet, recondendas in " sinu pauperis divino præcepto [3] eleemosynas tam se- " creta manu distribuat vestra pietas, ut nesciat sinistra " quid dextra faciat, ipseque, per vos in sibi olim " concessa quantitate de victu securus, et vestitu, arma " promptius possideat, quibus tertium qui restat, et " tanquam [4] leo circuit, quærens quem devoret, superet " et exsuperet adversantem.

" Iste vero, qui, rectum supplantans judicium, Deum " non veretur offendere, nec proximum, dummodo sor- " didam prædam, quæ—

" —'Bonos raro sortitur eventus,'

" consequi posset, et [5] turpe lucrum,—vestra auctori- " tas se ei sic opponat, ut ab injuriis sua [6] coerceatur " audacia, et in specie, ne ministrum Ecclesiæ vir [7] Ba- " bylonicus captivum ducat, opprimatque laicus sacer-

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[1] John Whitby, Prior of the Cell of Hatfield Peverell, probably, is meant.
[2] *Philippians* i. 23.
[3] *elemosinas* in MS.
[4] In allusion to 1 *Peter* v. 8.
[5] 1 *Timothy* iii. 3.
[6] *coherciatur* in MS.
[7] *Babilonicus* in MS.

" dotem, innocenti vestro vicario, nostroque consangui-
" neo carissimo, [1] desinat, ac timeat, jugum imponere
" [2] Ægypteæ servitutis. Alioquin, priusquam potens
" iniquitate glorietur in malitia, injustitiamque præ-
" cogitaverit sua lingua, sciat nos pro zelo justitiæ
" manum apponere, palpabilique eum docere judicio,
" quanta sit sibi stultitia contra stimulum calcitrare.

" Ulterius, fili, juxta quod docti sumus, alium etiam
" habetis vobiscum famulantem, qui, licet, in modum
" curialium, verbis placere nesciat, aut vultum gerere
" morigerum et acceptabilem in oculis magistrorum, est
" tamen serviens supra sibi commissam familiam satis
" fidelis et prudens, et si non dicamus curiose, commo-
" dose tamen, sui perficiens onera famulatus. Quod si
" ita se res habeat, cum, juxta Scripturam, [3] servum
" fidelem et prudentem supra suam Dominus consti-
" tuat familiam, ut det illi in tempore tritici mensuram,
" consulimus cum Domino, et [4] hortamur, ut vos am-
" plius prudentiam, fidelitatemque, dum proficiunt, quam
" ruditatem, quæ non obest, in servo ponderantes,
" pacifice et absque repulsu in vestro servitio teneatis.

" Quod si hæc omnia, aut horum aliqua, caro et non
" spiritus revelaverit nobis, prævio nostro scripto extunc
" in aliquo non obstante, faciatis quod spiritus bonus
" suggerit vobis, bonumque videtur, et expediens, in
" oculis rationis.

" Et magni consilii angelus det vobis spiritum consilii
" et fortitudinis in agendis."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Cell of W[ymundham].

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, prædilecto in
" Christo filio, J., Priori Cellæ suæ de [5] W., eo consilio

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[1] *desineat* in MS.
[2] *Egiptiæ* in MS.
[3] *Matthew* xxiv. 45.
[4] *ortamur* in MS.
[5] The Priory of Wymundham, no doubt, is meant.

" cuncta facere, quo post factum non pœniteat sic " fecisse. In Christo carissime.—Etsi quodam benevo- " lentiæ vinculo ad omnes astringamur in genere, tene- " amurque de lege data de proximis, eis ut nobis " cuncta prospera simul velle, hiis tamen quos nobis " in amicitia fida conjunxit studiorum societas, sem- " perque a puerilibus habuimus multum fidos, ampliori " prærogativa dilectionis afficimur, optamusque in specie " eos ideo sapere plus aliis, ut, inter fienda, simul prima " cum mediis, mediaque, post factum ne pœniteant, " discutiant cautius ab extremis.

" Cum igitur, Frater, hanc vestram jam personam " circumloquimur, quam, teste conscientia, propter ex- " pertam ab olim gratitudinis amicitiam, sic appeti- " mus omnia prudenter agere, ut semper ad utrius- " que hominis honorem cederet, itaque non contingeret " [1] in posterum pœnitere ; sibi in Christi visceribus con- " sulimus, et [2] hortamur, cum Domino, quatinus super " illo pendente beneficio, cujus admissio per licentiam " et [3] consensum dependet ab utrisque nobis, ita in " ipsius hominis interiori libramine discutiat opera sua, " ut nec de requie ad laborem, nec de vita ad mor- " tem, fiat per æquivocationis fallaciam translatio ves- " tra nova. Cum enim prælati ministerium plus " oneris quam [4] 'onoris,' anxietatis quam ominis, solli- " citudinisque, habere debeat, quam quietis, non vide- " bitur vobis insipidum, si cum honoribus metiamur " has vestras vices, priusquam in animo vestrum præ- " beatis assensum.

" Satius quippe est cum quiete spiritus rerum suffi- " cientia refici, quam in angustia cordis bonorum divi- " tiis impinguari, et lætius est tunica paupertatis cum " hilaritate contegi, quam honoris [5] chlamyde, quæ te- " nui filo contexitur, cum timoribus revestiri. Non

[1] *imposterum* in MS.
[2] *ortamur* in MS.
[3] *concensum* in MS.
[4] for " *honoris* "; a play on the resemblance of the word is intended.
[5] *clamide* in MS.

" equidem absque causa vocat [1] Dominus 'spinas' " divitias, nec sine ratione nominat Sapiens [2] deli- " cias vanitates. Expertus itaque erat, et experientia " doctus, qui honoris [3] chlamydem nobilem magis dixe- " rat quam felicem ; et practicus erat, nec tantummodo " speculativus, [4] qui per gladii similitudinem, tenui " textoris licio pendentis supra cervicem, in dignitatis " gloria [5] nihil tutum fore suum docuerat Damoclem.

" Hiis igitur, Frater, aliisque, alias viva voce vobis " expositis, in mentis stomacho mentaliter digestis, men- " talius discutiatis, prout consulimus, priusquam pro " [6] Rachele, cum sit sterilis, fastidiatis [7] torum fœcundæ " Lyæ, aut inter vos et sponsam habitam, cum sit ste- " rilis, dato libello repudii, diffiniatis divortia celebrare. " Opus quippe dici meretur insensatæ stultitiæ steri- " lem ducere pro fœcunda, et spes fallacis censetur " amicitiæ, si, pro omnibus quæ tribuit vobis Sancta " Mater Ecclesia nostra, finaliter ei divortia retribueritis, " per sponsalia aliena.

" Igitur, Frater, ne, qui multos retrorsum abire cogit, " vos abducat ambitionis spiritus, præter hæc nostra " jam scripta exilia, sit illa vobis auxiculatrix quæ in " consiliis habitat, et se ministret sermonibus eruditis.

A Letter addressed to J., a monk of N.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, carissimo in " Christo J., monacho de [8] N., in plena effusione spiri- " tus, plenitudinem laudis, gratiamque salutis. Pater " in Christo carissime.—Etsi inficiari non poterimus, " quin inea parte huic conformamur sæculo, quo super

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[1] *Matthew* xiii. 7.
[2] *Eccles.* i. 2.
[3] *clamidem* in MS.
[4] In allusion to the story of Damocles and Dionysius, Cicero *Tusc. Quæst.* v. 21 ; Horace III. *Odes*, i. 17.
[5] *nichil* in MS.
[6] *Genesis* xxix. 31.
[7] *thorum* in MS.
[8] Probably, Norwich is meant.

" [1] accommodato nobis libellulo constitutum per vos
" terminum fregimus, et in ejusdem remissione defeci-
" mus a promisso ; in hoc tamen, prout confidimus, re-
" formamur cum Apostolo, in novitatem nostri sensus,
" quo de amico plenam fiduciam gessimus, ut nos nos-
" trumque defectum, cum ex illa, quæ inter amantes
" esse solet, præsumptione processerit, haberet, absque
" displicentiæ, ruga plenarie excusatos.

" Cum enim, juxta hanc legem amoris, quæ semper
" quærit assensum, sic res inter amicos deceat esse
" [2] communis, ut unus absque nota suspicionis in bo-
" nis alterius libere sibi limites constituat, nec alium
" habeat restitutionis terminum, nisi cum ad id resti-
" tuendum [3] suffecerint sibi vires, in nostri jam frac-
" tura termini, præsertim cum hanc normam legis
" mutuo professi sumus, nec notari poterit præsump-
" tionis minima species, nec in retentione codicis ultra
" promissum, [4] negligentiæ quodcunque genus. Equi-
" dem divinæ legis, pariter et humanæ, diffinitum est
" consilio, ut qui sic de bonis sumunt contra amicos,
" non præsumunt, et qui super [5] accommodatis taliter
" scribunt, in possessionis titulo ullo tempore non præ-
" scribunt. Veruntamen, Pater, ne per verborum dif-
" fugia facere videamur [6] syllogismos Ciceronicos, magis
" quam Platonicos, ad excusandas excusationes in pec-
" catis, quomodocunque pro nobis fecerit jam duplicis
" legis auctoritas, [7] nihilominus tamen, in quantum,
" per ampliationem termini de restituendo accommo-
" dato, vultum vestrum offendimus, in tantum de be-
" nignitatis vestræ gratia, ut parcatis confitenti, cum
" instantia supplicamus ; scituri, cum non per nos quo-
" minus recte promissa persolvimus, [8] sed per scripto-

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[1] *accomodato* in MS.
[2] *comunis* in MS.
[3] *sufficerint* in MS.
[4] *necligentiæ* in MS.
[5] *accomodatis* in MS.
[6] *sillogismos Cicheronicos* in MS.
[7] *nichilominus* in MS.
[8] *set* in MS.

" ris desidiam, stetit, non nostræ, sed suæ, [1] negli-
" gentiæ duntaxat, juxta decisiones Canonum, imputari
" debet.

" Igitur, Pater, etsi in die restitutionis, non mane
" [2] sed vespere jam librum deferens ad vos accedit nos-
" ter nuncius, librum tamen et nuncium [3] velitis, quæ-
" sumus, placenter admittere, et in simili [4] accommo-
" dato non remissioris animi fieri, aut voluntatis. Et,
" cum Domino, firmiter promittimus constitutum per
" vos nobis terminum de cætero non [5] præteriemus;
" appetimus quippe, licet petere non audemus, trac-
" tatus videre, si quos habetis, aut quæstiunculas, de
" Regalia et Sacerdotio, de Potestate Clavium, aut de
" Ritu et Regimine Monachorum. [2] Sed in hujusmodi
" pro responsis contentabimur, cum non petimus, [2] sed
" appetimus, de utraque particula contradictionis. Et
" nos vobis, vosque Domino, in Domini visceribus, com-
" mendamus."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of the Cell of W[ymundham.]

" Johannes de Sancto Albano Abbas, dilecto in Christo
" filio, Priori Cellæ suæ obedientiæ de [6] W., in rore
" cœli gratiam, et in pinguedine terræ benedictionem.
" Fili, in Christo carissime.—Per vestrarum aperitionem
" epistolarum quia nuper concepimus, qualiter vobis-
" cum vocatus in sortem Domini novitialis religionis
" populus vocationis fixo stat proposito, cupiatque post
" Dominicam sortem in partem suam cedere, et fieri
" funiculus hæreditatis ejus, eo lætius in mentis brachiis
" desiderium illud amplectimur, quo, quod Deo magis

[1] *necligentiæ* in MS.
[2] *Set* in MS.
[3] *vellitis* in MS.
[4] *accomodato* in MS.
[5] Sic in MS.; for "*præteribimus.*" It is an admitted form of the future in "*exeo*" and "*redeo.*"
[6] The Cell of Wymundham, no doubt, is meant.

" quam homini ascribitur, manum missam ad aratrum
" retro non retraxerant, et, quod gratiæ amplius impu-
" tatur quam naturæ, usque in finem, sine violatione
" propositi, firmiter perseverant. Volumus, igitur, ut
" erga Dominicam in Albis jam post Pascha proximam
" nobiscum præsentes subsistant ; et munus professionis,
" quod [1] opportune, importuneque, indies, prout scribitis,
" postulant, ipsis libentius conferemus.

" Et ad id quod ulterius scribitis, de juvenibus, qui,
" instructu spiritus boni, vobiscum petunt divino ser-
" vitio mancipari, si et quatenus spiritus ex Deo sit,
" concedimus petitionem eorum fieri, taliterque nostra
" auctoritate et licentia per vos volumus, cum decreve-
" ritis, responderi. Et, Fili, quia operarios in vinea
" Domini, de qua meministis, habemus laborantes assi-
" due, quibus tenemur, de natura conventionis, dena-
" rium quotidiani victus solvere pro mercede, cum ves-
" tram fraternitatem nobis procuratricem substituimus
" in hujusmodi solutionis in aliquota sui parte, roga-
" mus attente, ut, pensatis, ponderatisque, attentius
" gratia, gratitudine, et indulgentia, quas vobiscum
" fecimus in relaxatione pensionis [2] scholarium, et in
" [3] accommodatione pecuniæ, vocare [4] velitis hos nostros
" operarios [5] scholasticos, ac, juxta portionem quæ vo-
" bis contingit, ipsis mercedem reddere, nobisque, prout
" facultas suppetit, corresponsiva gratitudine, de [6] ac-
" commodati aliquali particula, jam erga nostri Patroni
" Festum, sine dilationis diffugio, providere. Gravia
" enim, et grandia nobis, veluti credimus, audistis, in-
" dies succrescunt expensarum onera ; et cum nobis
" [7] hydria [8] farinulæ jam deficiat, nec vasa olei a vici-
" nis accipere mutuo facultas posset, jam cogamur de
" debitoribus debitum repetere, urgemurque, nostri

[1] *oportune* in MS.
[2] *scolarium* in MS.
[3] *accomodatione* in MS.
[4] *vellitis* in MS.
[5] *scolasticos* in MS.
[6] *accomodati* in MS.
[7] *idria* in MS.
[8] 1 *Kings* xvii. 14.

" causa Infirmitorii, pro cujus ædificio exposuimus " sumptus graves, terminum, alias prolongandum, jam " vice contraria [1] syncopare.

" Vestrum igitur rogamus fiduciam, ut, pro suppor- " tandis hiis nostris oneribus, nobis in termino jam " dicto aliqualem solutionem fiducialiter faciatis. Et " semper, cum Christo, feliciter valeatis."

A Letter addressed to the Dean of St. Paul's.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, præhonorabili " viro, et amico sinceriter prædilecto, Magistro [2] R. K., " Decano Sancti Pauli, inter currentes bravium, cum " laborantibus denarium, et, post contentionem in agone, " præmium victoriæ suscipere, et coronam. Venerabilis " Domine, amice sinceriter prædilecte.—Invalescente in " regno pro nunc penuria, quia subsequenter invalescit " cupiditas, et caritas refrigescit quasi in populo utro- " bique, sicque inter mille viros vix unum, et hunc " per gratiam, invenimus, vestram; videlicet, præho- " norabilem personam, quæ alienæ indigentiæ sciret " compati, et Salamonis ædificio gratitudinis beneficium " præbere, et auxilium; cum Hiram, rege [3] Tyri, lætati " fuimus, et exultavimus, quod, cum homine [4] Evange- " lico, thesaurum absconditum in agro reperivimus, et " quod absque cultu avaritiæ, et servitute [5] idolorum, " adhuc in universo sit superstes unus.

" Cum enim modernis temporibus sic pertranseat homo " in [6] imagine, ut, quantumlibet sit bonorum divitiis im- " pinguatus, ab ipsis ecclesiasticis, et præcipue a nobis " monachis, totius orbis aurum opinetur quasi totaliter " deglutiri; licet in hoc frustra conturbetur, cum res,

[1] *sincopare* in MS.
[2] Reginald Kentwode.
[3] *Tiri* in MS.
[4] *Matthew* xiii. 44.
[5] *ydolorum* in MS.
[6] *ymagine* in MS. Qy. if not "*y-maginatione.*"

" prout vestra reverenda maturitas satis novit, in ea " parte non sequantur [1] imaginationes; suæ tamen opi- " nionis taliter innititur [2] imaginibus, ut frustratorium " reputet ad quodcunque inter nos pietatis opus appo- " nere adjutrices manus.

" Cujus quidem opinionis erroribus quia vestra non " adhæsit maturitas, dum dudum, instantiis et inter- " mediis nostri confratris et commonachi R. W., sum- " mam auri notabilem ad nostri Infirmitorii fabricam " [3] accommodastis, gratias ex corde Altissimo referimus, " quod in vestra persona tantam caritatis fidem inve- " nimns, et [4] pium, sanctumque, credatis, ac meritorium " etiam, monachis indigentibus sinum gratiæ aperire, " et impendere suffragia pietatis.

" Rara quippe, Pater, 'est' hæc 'avis' jam 'in ter- " 'ris,' [5] Poetæque testimonio, 'nigro simillima [6] cygno,' " quæ, nobis mendicantibus, nobis aurum [7] accommodet; " et propterea, quia avis, quo rarior, eo fertur pretiosior, " hanc vestræ mentis aviculam, carioribus quibus pote- " rimus gratiarum depascere muneribus, jam depasci- " mus, et refundimus ex corde laudem.

" Veruntamen, quia bene pernovimus quod vobis re- " fundere non poterimus plena lance, vestram rogamus " maturam scientiam, ut quod amittimus in scripturis " subintelligere dignetur in visceribus cordis, et semper " pro certo sciat nos pro beneficiis, quæ jam absque " nostris meritis impenderat, ad infima sibi teneri minis- " teria, et retribuere, prout facultas sufficiat, plenissima " nostra fide. Igitur, Pater, latori præsentium fidem " dantes indubiam ex nostra parte in dicendis, semper " valeatis in prosperis, et crescat vobis gratia pro ope- " ribus pietatis."

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[1] *ymaginationes* in MS.
[2] *ymaginibus* in MS. Qy. *imaginationibus.*
[3] *accomodastis* in MS.
[4] *pium quod sanctumque* in MS.
[5] Juvenal, *Sat.* vi. 165.
[6] *cigno* in MS.
[7] *accomodet* in MS.

A Letter addressed to the Prior of B.

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, amantissimo " in Christo filio, J., Priori Cellæ suæ de [1]B., ple- " nam gratiam, cum salute, perfectamque gloriam, cum " divina ac nostra benedictione: In Christo carissime. " — Audientes nuper, quam abhorruimus, de [2]reci- " divatione N., confratris nostri, qualiterque, instar " canis morsus illiciti, nullis valet verbis aut verberi- " bus a suæ insolentiæ excessibus deterreri, eo amplio- " rem doloris materiam sumpsimus, quo, de conversione " dicti fratris spem nullam habentes, totaliter quasi " sub dubio fluctuamus.

" Rememorantes tamen, inter cætera, quomodo potis- " simum quod in ea parte restat remedium, consistit " in fuga, oneramus vos, modo districtiori quo poteri- " mus, ut eum fratrem, celeriori industria qua sciveri- " tis, transmitti faciatis ad Cellam nostram de [3]T.; ad " hunc finem, ut, per talia remotionis stadia, hanc quam " insequitur compellatur insolentiam fugere, paucioresque " ibidem occasiones habeat quam alias solebat habere. " In suæ tamen transmissionis itinere, suum volumus " transvectorem tanta regi constantia, ut nec ad dex- " tram declinet, nec ad sinistram, [4]sed in continuum " ac directum tendat, ambuletque in [5]communi via; " via, videlicet, quæ illum ad Cellam, et vos conducat " ad cœlum et gloriam sempiternam."

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[1] Probably a Prior of the Cell of Beaulieu, or Bewle, in Bedfordshire, is meant. There was no Prior of Bynham, between A.D. 1420 and 1440, with J. (meaning "John") for his Christian name. See page 470 *post*, Note 3.

[2] *residivatione* in MS.

[3] Tynemouth, no doubt, is meant.

[4] *set* in MS.

[5] *comuni* in MS.

A Letter addressed to the Prior of T[ynemouth].

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, carissimo in " Christo filio, [1] T., Priori Cellæ suæ obedientiæ de " [2] T., plenitudinem gratiæ, ac benedictionem, cum sa- " lute. In Christo dilectissime.—Moribus ægrum, [3] sed " viribus incolumem, unum jam vobis mittimus confra- " trem, significantes quomodo, nisi sibi interim curetis " acuere rigoris medelam, cum infidelibus discedet in- " fidelis, contaminabitque totum nostrum gregem.

" Quare rogamus attentius, ut, nisi sub jugo religio- " nis, et in area Domini, regulariter ac humiliter tri- " turare velit, vos os ei taliter infrænetis, ut cum " fræno lorum [4] sentiat, timeatque sibi, si non humilius " agat, pedes ligari compedibus, manicisque vestiri fer- " reis in brachiis suis: inter cætera, memoriæ firmis- " sime commendantes, quomodo dum mel in ore gerit, " semper, velut scorpio, retro pungere quærit; quotiens- " que ora mentitur innocentis agni, totiens fraudes " [5] molitur fallacis lupi, quibus suas posset complere " libidines, et peccare in legem Dei sui.

" Igitur, Fili, cum lupus agnum induat, cavete ne " frater vobis sophisma faciat, patretque ea quæ jura " vetant, et nobis loqui pudet. Et Ille concedat cum " cautelis vos fratris confundere fraudes, Qui ab hiis " cavere monuit qui veniunt in [6] vestimentis ovium, et " sunt intrinsecus lupi rapaces."

A Letter addressed to William, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

" Præamabili Domino, [7] W. Lichfeldensi Episcopo, " compar suus in amicitiis, Johannes, de Sancto Albano

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[1] Thomas, before-named: see p. 439 *ante*. His surname is not known.

[2] Tynemouth, no doubt, is meant; the place to which the erring brother, mentioned in the preceding page, was to be sent.

[3] *set* in MS.

[4] *censeat* in MS.

[5] *mollitur* in MS.

[6] *Matthew* vii. 15.

[7] William Heyworth.

" Abbas, cum caritate quæ non excidit, oris hostiam " in sacrificium, et, sub fide a qua iota unum non præ- " terit, cordis victimam in holocaustum. Amicissime " Domine, et Pater prædominans in amore.—In ami- " citiæ [1] chlamyde, locorum distantia quam diffibulat, " manus licet scribentis dissociatas fimbrias recollegerit, " quæ epistolari frequentia amicorum obtutibus absen- " tem animum quotidie manifestat, [2] nihilominus tamen, " si spiritu diffidentiæ operiatur, sicut diploide, quo- " tiens ab ipso continget rerum minutissima postulare, " ipsius vultum, nec mirum, procurat in rugam; in " hacque, quam jam diximus, amicitiæ [1] chlamyde, dis- " sidiam displicentiæ efficit, et causat ingratitudinis " scissuram magnam.

" Cujus profecto causationis motivum eo magis " arguitive dubitativa patris opinio formaverat in " [3] alumnum, quo dudum, dum, pro libertatione duorum " nostrorum nativorum, novum oratoriæ persuasionis " niteretur contexere [4] syllogismum, taliter inter majo- " rem extremitatem et minorem interposuerat media- " tionis terminum, ut quamvis bis sumptus ante con- " clusionem, nihilominus, propter diffidentiæ spiritum, " ingrederetur etiam et eam. Quæ [5] syllogizationis " [6] materies, cum tam in forma peccet quam in materia, " ab illaque lege exorbitet, quæ omnia jubet inter " amantes fore [7] communia, etsi [8] dissimulare vellet " honestatis [9] alumna, modesta taciturnitas, silere tamen " nescit veritatis pedissequa, plana testificationis voca- " litas; quoniam in hoc facto, paterna pace semper " salva, prævaricantes prævaricati estis veræ leges " amicitiæ, trepidantesque amplius trepidastis quam de " amico amicum oportuit trepidare.

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[1] *clamide* in MS.
[2] *nichilominus* in MS.
[3] *alumpnum* in MS.
[4] *silogismum* in MS.
[5] *silogizationis* in MS.
[6] *maneries* in MS.
[7] *comunia* in MS.
[8] *dissimilare* in MS.
[9] *alumpna* in MS.

" Enimvero, si in amoribus hanc unam bene sancivit " Tullius legem, ut neque ab amicis rogemus res tur- " pes, neque rogari faciamus, huic etiam subjunxit et " alteram, ut ab amicis honesta petamus, amicorumque " causa semper honesta faciamus; sicut vos legaliter " rogare non poteritis res turpes, neque nos rogari " facere, sic nec amicabiliter sciveritis honestum quic- " quam petere, in quo licebit nobis negatorie aut dila- " torie, seu quomodolibet excusatorie, respondere.

" Redeat igitur, si fas sit ita scribere, nunc prævari- " cator ad cor, hujusque Catonici reminiscens proverbii " dapsilis interdum notis et caris amicis,—

" 'Quod donare potes, gratis concede roganti,'

" omnem repellat ac depellat tremorem, ubi non " erat timor. Nam si petentes rem grandem rogavis- " setis, aut difficilem, utique debueramus facere, quanto " magis, si modicam ac modicissimam postulaveritis, " quomodo poterimus aures obstruere, aut non concedere " vobis?

" Modicum quippe est pro amico magnum facere, " parvumque videtur, ac minimum, de thesauro ecclesiæ " tale vobis tribuere donarium, quod in divitiis debilior " est possessio, quasique tinea [1] demoliens, corrodens- " que ærugo, in ærariis dominorum. Ne igitur simul " donum cum desiderio mereamini amittere, si prius- " quam amicum [2] tentaveritis, de amici incipiatis gra- " tia desperare, quicquid de cætero optantes rogaveritis, " petite sine medio, et accipietis, quærite sine pretio, " et invenietis, pulsate absque advocato, et fiducialiter " aperietur vobis.

" Ad præsens tamen, quia tam sanctæ violastis legis " semitas, cujus non licet transgressorem absque omni " transire ferula [3] coercentis, hujus vestræ mediationis " negotium ad id tempus in suspenso ponimus, quo-

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[1] *demolliens* in MS.
[2] *temptaveritis* in MS.
[3] *cohercentis* in MS.

" usque disputaturi ore tenus taliter arguerimus ad
" utramque partem, quatenus non aliter servos conclu-
" damus fore liberos, quam præmissæ inferunt canonice,
" et nos, nostræ durante tempore obligationis, sciveri-
" mus pertinenter ad propositum vestris oppositionibus
" respondere, *et cætera.*"

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A Letter addressed to William, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

" Præhonorabili in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino
" Lichefeldensi Episcopo, suus semper ad vota, Johan-
" nes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, omnimodas reverentias
" ac honores, cum debita promptitudine complacendi.
" Devotissime Pater et Domine.—De significatione de-
" voti dilectique vobis clerici, Magistri T. H., jam pri-
" die intellexi qualiter, pro prosecutione ac expeditione
" causæ quam jam protractive in Curia habebatis
" Apostolica prorogatam, ad [1] Consilium cujus jam in-
" stant Kalendæ, cum spiritu decrevistis consilii unum
" de familiaribus vestris transmittere, eumque quem
" transmittetis in meo desideratis habere consortio, ac
" offertis componere rationabiliter pro expensis.

" Verum, Pater, ad quantum exiguæ meæ considera-
" tionis limites se protendunt, est nedum illud, quod
" in ista parte vobis incidit, sanum sanctumque con-
" silium, verum etiam adeo utile, expediens, ac neces-
" sarium, ut absque eo quod ita feceritis, quemadmodum
" decrevistis, non est verisimile quod causa finem ca-
" piet, aut prosequetur efficaciter cum effectu, quem-
" admodum adoptatis.

" Non enim, Pater, absque causa vulgariter dicitur
" —' Qui per alium mittit, sæpe decipitur,' nec sine
" materia quotidie proverbialiter [2] addicitur,—' Sæpius
" ' negotium quod alienæ committitur advocationi, a

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[1] Of Pavia, A.D. 1423.

[2] *adicitur* in MS.

" 'canibus in itineribus devoratur.' Ne, igitur, aut " nuncius extraneus vos decipiat, aut canis insidians, " vestra corrodens negotia, inutiles dispendiosasque " prorogationes faciat, consulo, suggero, ac sollicito, " quatenus, vestrum constanter tenentes propositum, " talem pro parte vestra transmittatis nuncium, cui non " sit necesse plura dicere, quique, verbis innotescens " paucis, bene sciverit, ac fideliter voluerit, ipsam de- " fendere causam, ac pro viribus promovere.

" Qualem inter cæteros de vestris, quorum notitiam " teneo, judico, reputo, ac suppono, jam dictum Magis- " trum T., qui, vigil in causis, et in negotiis vivax, " [1] nihil sinit [2] somnolenter quiescere, quod excitare suf- " ficit, et suis valuerit viribus advocatorie promovere. " Hunc igitur consulo, suggero, ac excito, ut mittatis. " Quod si, aut obsequiorum incommodo, aut affectionis " involucro, tam habilis viri præsentia ad tantum tem- " pus commode carere non poteritis, extunc mittatis " quemcunque missuri estis, et, absque quocunque so- " lutionis genere, inter transmarinas semitas [3] mihi " acceptabilis erit comes, *et cætera.*"

A Letter addressed to H., Monk of Norwich.

" Antiquatæ societatis unico, ac sinceræ affectionis, " consocio, H., monacho de Norwico, suus compar in " amicitiis, Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, in pa- " tientia possidere animam, et cum misericordia tam " culpam remittere, quam offensam. Frater benigne, " nobisque compar unice. — In [4] communi conditione " hominum, ubi tam morum quam mentium est vari- " etas, et interdum contrarietas animorum, hoc habet, " inter cætera, generosa species sibi proprium, ut cito " apud ipsam exspiret iracundia, ubi mediatrix est con- " fessio, et cordialis intercedit contritio delictorum.

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[1] *nichil* in MS.
[2] *sompnolenter* in MS.
[3] *michi* in MS.
[4] *comuni* in MS.

" Prætereuntes igitur statutum per vos terminum de
" [1] accommodato nobis libellulo, quia aream frontis,
" prout timemus, sulcastis in rugam, vultusque plani-
" tiem exarastis ex obliquo, fatemur culpam plenius,
" petimus veniam humilius, quatenusque generosæ
" mentis intererit, ut humilianti verticem benignam
" apponatis absolutionis manum, humiliter vos rogamus;
" intelligentes quomodo prompti, paratique, ex animo
" sumus omnimodam pœnitentiam admittere, quam pia
" confessoris discretio pro hujusmodi transgressionis
" excessibus censuerit dare nobis. Et Qui culpa offen-
" ditur, ac placatur pœnitentia, vobis pro voto sit pro-
" pitius, et a carcere feliciter perducat ad regna."

A Letter to an erring member of the Abbey of St. Alban's.

" Prodigæ conversationis filio, lubricæque conditionis
" discipulo, majorem gratiam quam expetis, melioremque
" salutem quam mereris.—Quia, Fili, nec propriæ saluti
" consulis, nec [2] communi compateris honestati Ecclesiæ,
" aut publica religionis auspicia in aliquo revereris,
" [3] idcirco, cum tua supellectili, ad Cellam Monasterii de
" [4] T. te celeriter transire volumus, quatenus, qui nus-
" quam alibi, tantumdem per gratiam inibi, ad Domi-
" num convertaris. Quod benignius annuat ipsius cle-
" mentiæ Dominus, Cujus est misericordia, quod, propter
" tua demerita, subito non sis consumptus. Vale in
" felle amaritudinis, et cum inundantia lacrimationis."

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[1] *accomodato* in MS.
[2] *comuni* in MS.
[3] *iccirco* in MS.
[4] The Priory of Tynemouth, no doubt, is meant.

A Letter addressed to R., monk of N.

" Eximiæ scientiæ viro, et amico sinceriter prædi-
" lecto, R., monacho de N., Johannes, de Sancto Al-
" bano Abbas, continuum successus incrementum, cum
" salute. In Christo carissime. — Infra libri limites,
" quem dudum nobis demonstrastis, tabulam quamdam
" notabilem vidisse nos meminimus, quam si, nostræ
" instantia precis, nobis transcriptam [1] velitis mittere,
" in tanto teneremur vobis, quod si rem similem, aut
" majorem, a nobis appetere [1] velitis alias, nos liben-
" tius, absque dubio aut diffugio, faciemus.

" Conjecturantes igitur propter quam appetimus cau-
" sam sitibundi cordis jejuniis uberes in gaudio aquas
" propinate, quæsumus, de fontibus Salvatoris. Cum
" Quo in æternum feliciter valeatis."

A Letter addressed to the members of the Cell at T[ynemouth].

" Sui zelator pecoris, et pastor, debitas agens vigilias
" commissi gregis, Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas,
" dilectis in Christo filiis, singulis claustralibus [2] apud
" Cellam suæ obedientiæ de [3] T. claustraliter gradien-
" tibus, isthic sic pergere, quod non pœniteat, illicque
" pertingere, quo habeatur æternaliter quod delectat.
" In Christo acceptissimi.—Videns Dei unicus et Patris
" Primogenitus fallaces captivationis laqueos, quos in
" circuitu cum impio ambulans venator invidus posuc-
" rat, ut quotquot per viam tritam transierint, omnes
" fallaciæ suæ fraudibus callidius captivare posset, ne
" ipsi qui divino aguntur spiritu, et [4] nulli humanæ
" legi proprie sunt subjecti, debitam libertatem amit-

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[1] *vellitis* in MS.
[2] *aput* in MS.
[3] The Priory of Tynemouth, no doubt, is meant.
[4] *nullæ* in MS.

" terent, aut cum hiis qui in mundo sunt mundanis " retibus quomodolibet irretiti starent, privatæ perfec- " tæque religionis exemplariter præconcepit semitam, " in qua singuli, sincero spiritu ducti, liberum haberent " aditum, pergentesque post stadium pertingere possent " ad metam, ac de carcere infallibiliter pervenire ad " regnum.

" Istud, amicissimi, in claustro vestri pectoris regu- " lariter revolventes, memoriter, immo, monachaliter, " recordemini quot in mundo deceptionis sunt retia, " quot captivationis involucra, quotquot fraudium pe- " dicæ, dolositatisque muscipulæ, quibus si quis vel " quisquam modice implexus fuerit, Deo debite militare " nequit; et in ea quam sumpsistis perseveranter pro- " cedatis orbita, non [1] lassescentes etsi appareat aspera, " cum brevi compendio conducit ad terminum, nec for- " midantes quamvis existat ardua, quia arta arduaque " est via quæ pertingit ad regnum.

" Ista, Fratres, non ideo vobis innotescimus, quia " hujusmodi fallacias vos aut ignorare credimus, aut " quia ullam, vel modicam, de vestra obliquatione sus- " picionem tulimus; immo, ut scientes efficiamus magis " cautos, significemusque quam plenus sit fraudibus " laqueator ipse, quem jam diximus, ac quam pauci in " claustro sunt novitii, qui fideliter dicere valent, cum " [2] Psalmista: — ' Anima nostra erepta est de laqueo " ' ejus, laqueusque contritus est, et nos per claustrum " ' feliciter liberati fuimus.' Quos enim, propter læsio- " nis hamum, quem subesse putant immunditiæ pabulo, " nec inescat, nec, quomodo vellet, captivare valet, hos " aut conglutinat avaritiæ visco, aut inviscat negotia- " tionis glutino, prædamque miseram accipit, ac escam " efficit suæ miseræ miserabilisque refectionis. Quos " vero, propter morsum quem abhorrent, eo dolo promp- " tius ad votum, prout appetit, non illaqueat, ante

[1] *lacescentes* in MS.

[2] *Psalm* cxxiv. 7.

" eorum vestigia jacit ambitionis involucra, superaddit
" aspirationis reticula, sicque gressum liberum captivat
" devium, animumque rectum curvum efficit, ac [1] nefa-
" rie inficit [2] teterrimo toxico vitiorum.

" Igitur, Fratres electi, et præelecti, etsi hujus lucis
" filii, sæculi amatores, et orbis [3] alumni, tauri ad in-
" star, qui visam juvencam insequitur, ab omni tra-
" huntur delectationis [4] obsequio, spemque suam ac fe-
" licitatem in triplici posuerint vitio supradicto, scitote
" vos, qui mundum evomuistis, et penes mundanos
" [5] mystica morte mortui estis, quia hii omnes fallaci-
" ter seducti sunt, in hiisque suam finalem ponunt
" lætitiam, quæ amata inquinant, quæ possessa one-
" rant, quæque amissa dissolvunt corpora, et spiritus
" vehementius inquietant.

" Nam ut, revertentes, de laqueo loquamur libidinis,
" qui multos involucrat, et hamum occultat sub escis,
" hic est funestus ille laqueus, qui Tarquinium Super-
" bum regem Romanorum fecit esse novissimum, qui
" [6] Assyriorum ducem [7] Sardanapalum more meretricis
" filare coegerat, ac bajulare colum; quique etiam [8] Ly-
" dios, Martis milites, viros fortissimos, in socordes Ve-
" neris tirones mutaverat, ac [9] Bacchi transmutaverat
" in caupones. Hic est etiam laqueosus ille funiculus,
" qui fortem Sampsonem innexuit, qui sapientem Sala-
" monem desipere compulit, quique virum rectum, quem
" elegit Dominus juxta cor suum, effectualiter impli-
" cuit, ac adulterinis amplexibus meretricaliter effœmi-
" navit. Hic est insuper aculeosus ille stimulus, sti-
" mulosusque aculeus, qui Antonium invasit in heremo,
" qui Benedictum sollicitavit in claustro, quique etiam
" in ministerio [10] colaphizavit Apostolum, in judicio per-

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[1] *nepharie* in MS.
[2] *teterimo* in MS.
[3] *alumpni* in MS.
[4] *obō* in MS.
[5] *mistica* in MS.
[6] *Assiriorum* in MS.
[7] *Sardinapallum* in MS.
[8] *Liddios* in MS.
[9] *Bachi* in MS.
[10] 2 *Cor.* xii. 7.

" vertit [1] presbyterum, ac testem fecit iniquum esse,
" judicemque corruptum, in causa detestabilium accusa-
" tionum.

" Igitur, Fratres, cum talis effœminationis, invasionis-
" que, sit vis, vigorque libidinis, fugiatis, consulimus,
" omne consortium effœminans, et abstineatis vos, cum
" [2] Apostolo, ab omni specie fornicationis. Et ut absti-
" neatis ulterius ab avaritiæ glutino, quod multorum
" inviscat animos, oculisque illudit, velut avibus au-
" ceps, scitote quoniam hoc est vitiorum vitium paga-
" nissimum, quod omnem sui cultorem facit esse [3] idola-
" latram, pronumque cogit cadere in terram, et adorare
" [4] eam. Hoc est etiam horroris puteus, vastæque soli-
" tudinis lacus, de quo sex vitiorum emanant rivuli,
" qui omnem ita operiunt terræ superficiem, quod ab
" eorum voragine vix octo inveniuntur animæ, quæ
" in [5] arca innocentiæ poterant jam salvari. Hæc est
" insuper veritatis noverca, hujus [6] sed generationis pu-
" erpera, quæ, injustitiam concipiens, iniquitatemque,
" parturit, furtumque, ac fraudem, in filium adoptans,
" et filiam, in ancillam conducit [7] Saphiram, in servum
" utique [8] Giezi recipit, ac admittit Judam.

" Igitur, Fratres, cum talis conditionis, generationis,
" et familiæ, sit limus cupidinis, et tenax viscus ava-
" ritiæ, mementote unius et alterius avaritiæ, videlicet,
" et voti quod in professione [9] solemniter emisistis, ac,
" tam intus quam exterius, ab omni vobis prohibitæ
" cavete specie proprietatis. Et ut caveatis tertio de
" ambitionis involucro, quod clanculo inserpit, et mor-
" taliter implicat quos involvit, scitote ulterius, et pro
" [10] [certo], quod hæc, quamvis [11] prosapiæ sit illustris, de
" cœloque ducens originem, infeliciter tamen exilium

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[1] *presbyterum* in MS.
[2] 1 *Cor.* vi. 18.
[3] *ydolatram* in MS.
[4] *eum* in MS.
[5] *archa* in MS. In allusion to *Genesis* vii.
[6] *set* in MS.
[7] *Acts* v. 1–10.
[8] 2 *Kings* v. 20–27.
[9] *solempniter* in MS.
[10] Omitted in MS.
[11] *prosapies* in MS., *Isaiah* xiv. 12.

" subiit, dum, se in altum erigens, suam ambitiosius
" sedem posuerat ad Aquilonem.

" Scitote secundo, quod quamvis hæc pestis macri sit
" vultus, sacræque sæpius suæ promotionis jejunet
" vigilias, est tamen illius sanctitatis [1] alumna, quæ
" nequiter se humiliat, ut apicem dignitatis ascendat,
" quæ faciem pingit palledine, ut vulpem dissimulet
" quem gerit in [2] pectore, quæque etiam manus ad sidera
" elevat, ut placeat tantummodo hominibus, non ut
" Christi famula fiat.

" Scitote tertio, quod si loquelæ sit simplicis, ferien-
" temque in [3] maxillam unam nequaquam videatur
" repercutere, immo, exhibere alteram, attamen est
" hujus animositatis filia, impetuositatisque ancilla, quæ,
" cum [4] Sylla et Mario, in Senatum irruit, quæ cum
" Absalone contra patrem insurgit, quæque cum [5] Da-
" thon et Abiron contra Moysen jurgatur, et Aaron;
" alienique impatiens regiminis, utrobique contendit
" gerere principatum.

" Igitur, Fratres, etsi hæc tabes de Luciferi sit [6] pro-
" sapia, Simoniacæ sanctitatis, ac animositatis Abirinæ,
" vos tamen non Luciferi ortum, [7] sed occasum, non
" Simonis [8] volatum, [7] sed præcipitium, non Abiron ani-
" mum, [7] sed interitum, ante oculos statuentes, plene
" contenti stetis in ea vocatione qua vocati estis, nul-
" latenus quis vestrum mitior videatur esse, aut supe-
" rior, discipulariter contendentes. Sic utique nedum
" ambitionis involucrum, quinimmo, omnem captionis
" muscipulam, quam seu caro, seu mundus, seu callidus
" hostis, objecerit, vobis faciliter poteritis conterere, feli-
" citerque perficere stadia vestræ monasticæ peregrina-
" tionis. Quod Ille benignius annuat, Qui cum triplici

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[1] *alumpna* in MS.
[2] Persius, *Sat.* v. l. 117.
[3] See *Matthew* v. 39.
[4] *Silla* in MS.
[5] *Numbers* xvi.
[6] *prosapie* in MS.
[7] *set* in MS.
[8] In reference to the fabled aerial chariot of Simon Magus.

" viriliter pugnaverat hoste, feliciterque triumphavit.
" Amen."

A Letter addressed to Thomas Fishburne, Confessor of the House of Syon.

" Viro conversationis cœlibis, et professionis insignis,
" Domino Thomæ Fisshburne, Confessori de Sancta
" Sion, suus in singulis, Johannes, de Sancto Albano
" Abbas, felicem cum Domino successum, ac, cum Apo-
" stolo, eo spiritu sapere, quo, cum sit ipse sapiens, sciat
" scribentis insipientiam libentius [1]tolerare. Amatis-
" sime in Christo Domine.—Vestræ satis difficili, sub
" nubeque propositæ, quæstioni, ille licet solus respon-
" dere sufficiat, qui recte de finibus judicat operum,
" justeque sententiat in intentionibus voluntatum;
" quia tamen scribam silere non decet quærenti, ubi
" cum devotione subinfert quærens, Pater, juxta pro-
" missa, responde [2]mihi quomodo, qualiterque, vester
" scriba, licet indoctus, cum doctis in proposito et
" quæstione conceperit, sequens hic brevis processus
" vestræ correctionis oculis manifestius nunciabit.[3]

" Cum enim, Pater, super hoc in substantia dubio
" certiorari quæritis,—an, videlicet, enormiter scandali-
" zatus propter opera intentionis rectæ, quæ opera etsi
" non fecisset, juxta dictantem sibi conscientiam mor-
" tale facinus, non potuerat declinare, ne videns injus-
" titiam taceat, erroremque approbet, cui non resistat,
" teneatur contra scandalizantes in causa diffamationis
" agere, eosque in forma Canonis coram judice eccle-
" siastico judicialiter convenire. In hoc, Pater, dubio,
" meliori judicio semper salvo, juxta simplex sentire
" meum, potest vobis rescribi taliter pro responso.—Aut
" enim taliter scandalizatus sua opera exercuit secun-
" dum id rationis judicium, quod, malum judicans bo-

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[1] *tollerare* in MS.
[2] *michi* in MS.
[3] Qy. as to the meaning of this sentence.

" num, bonumque extendens ad malum, frequenter " incidit in errorem, et dicitur 'conscientia errans' sive " 'erronea'; aut secundum habitum mentis, qui est boni " et mali discretivus, nec de facili errat, et dicitur 'con- " 'scientia recta,' sive rectius, 'regulata.' Si secundum " primam conscientiam, tunc quia scandalizatus minis- " trat materiam scandali, immo, quod verius est, seip- " sum per talia opera scandalizat, habet sibi detrahen- " tes, in pœnam peccati, patienter sufferre, nec debet, de " lege humilis conscientiæ, eos qui vera dicunt, et pro- " prie non blasphemant, in forma juris corrigere aut " punire; potest tamen ipsos fraterna correptione ad- " monere, ne, cum detrahendi libidine, sibi [1] damnifi- " cantes in fama aliter alteri faciant, quam sibi fieri " vellent, et sic peccent in legem caritatis, dum silere " nesciunt a multiloquio detrahendi.

" Si vero, secundum conscientiam alteram, tunc cum " ibi non ministratur materia scandali, [2] sed est occasio " duntaxat accepta, et minime data, bene potest scan- " dalizatus, præsertim cum dicat Augustinus, 'Nobis est " 'nostra vita, proximis vero necessaria, bona fama,' " dentem caninum retundere, liciteque satis, zelo famæ " servandæ, licet non libidine vindictæ, taliter delin- " quentes corrigere, agereque contra eos in forma juris. " Veruntamen si scandalizatus sit vir in perfectione " positus, in quem scandalum passivum non cadit, et " maxime, si sit talis, qui, prout scripsistis, optat in " sua forma dejici, Christi passionibus quatenus posset " per hoc aptius configurari, quamvis sit in regimine " curæ constitutus, teneaturque ex officio mederi [3] lan- " guoribus pectoris ægrotantis, habet tamen in medendi " officio ipsum sequi Pastorem, Qui ad Pharisæorum " scandala respondebat, — 'Non corrigite, [4] sed sinite " 'eos; cœci sunt, ducesque cœcorum.'

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[1] *dampnificantes* in MS.
[2] *set* in MS.
[3] *langoribus* in MS.
[4] *set* in MS. In allusion to *Matthew* xv. 14.

"Si enim magister, qui Deus est, ut inquit Beda, " suas non vult vindicare injurias, [1] sed intendit suos " persecutores per patientiam reddere mitiores, eandem " necesse est ut ejus discipuli, qui puri homines sunt, " sequantur regulam, et sint humiliter sustinentes, et " vindictam minime requirentes. Etiam cum habemus, " ut inquit Gregorius, [2] Apostolum scribentem,—'Gloria " 'nostra hæc est testimonium conscientiæ nostræ,' " Jobque alibi dicentem,—[3] 'Ecce in cœlo testis meus;' " cum sic testem habemus in cœlo, testem etiam in " corde, juxta doctrinam Apostoli,—[4] 'Si fieri potest, " 'quantum ex nobis est, pacem cum omnibus homini- " 'bus habentes, dimittamus stultos foris loqui quod " 'volunt, etsi non ipsi nobiscum, nos tamen cum ipsis " 'pacem sine dubio habeamus.'

"Ad quæ dicta, Pater, etsi minime advertant, qui, ad " pauca respicientes, de facili omnia pronunciant, dicant " [5] mihi, rogo, an [6] Christus, juxta Scripturam, percu- " tienti in unam maxillam pugno repercutere docuit, " aut præbere alteram; an tollenti tunicam vim vi " repellere consuluit, aut dimittere pallium; an expro- " branti ejicientique nomina nostra, tanquam mala, " —'Corripite,' inquit, aut,—'Gaudete, quoniam in cœlo " 'est merces vestra.'

"Dicant [5] mihi secundo, an ad Corinthios scribens " Apostolus [7] hortabatur maledicentibus maledicere, per- " sequentibus resistere, blasphemantesque corrigere, aut " fraterna corripere monitione in Domino, et obsecrare.

"Dicant iterum tertio, meliusque advertant, quomodo " Cato recte viventibus verba malorum non curanda " commemorat; qualiter Plato, ut hominum declinaret " invidiam,—'Esto [8] Thersites,' a Socrate dictum didi-

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[1] *set* in MS.
[2] 2 *Cor.*, i. 12.
[3] *Job*, xvi. 19.
[4] *Romans*, xii. 18.
[5] *michi* in MS.
[6] *Matthew*, v. 39, 40, 11, 12.
[7] *ortabatur* in MS.
[8] *Tersites* in MS.

" cerat; quomodoque, et qualiter, ad cumulum laudis,
" ascribitur Augusto nobili, cum sibi quidam probrose
" diceret [1] tympanizanti,—'Videsne ut cinædus orbem
" 'digito temperet?' ipse manum et animum ab hujus-
" modi levitate suspendit, semperque deinceps gratiam
" habuit exprobranti. Siquidem, Pater, si hæc isti
" bene adverterent, et sensum non subverterent, mecum
" forte unanimes in opinione concederent, quomodo
" semper in pugna blasphemiæ patientes vincunt.

" Habens igitur, Pater, scandalizatus vester hos jam
" dictos sibi consulentes, ex parte una, alios vero qui
" ignorant et errant, quoniam et ipsi forte circumdati
" sunt infirmitate, suggerentes, ex parte altera, eligat
" an hos, et præcipue Ipsum qui [2] ait,—[3] 'Mihi vindic-
" 'tam, et ego retribuam,' taliter sequi velit, ut [4] ob-
" turet aures ne audiat sanguinem, claudatque oculos
" ne videat iniquitatem, et in excelsis habitet, aut illos,
" qui, juxta [5] Apostolum, sanam doctrinam cum non
" didicerint, a veritate perfectionis suum avertant au-
" ditum, et facient, non ad sui odium, [6] sed magis,
" ad interitum, in fabulis causarum, contra proximum,
" non absque odio, conversari.

" Veruntamen, Pater, cum verbis, licet non sensu,
" contrarie scriptum sit,—'Necesse est ut veniant [7] scan-
" 'dala, væque homini illi per quem scandalum venit;'
" cum, juxta Gregorium, utilius scandalum nasci per-
" mittatur, quam veritas relinquatur, et, secundum Au-
" gustinum, non refert quid lingua loquax [8] garrulat,
" dummodo conscientia non accusat, non consentio, ut,
" pro vitando scandalo, vir dictus ea omittat, quæ,
" secundum rectam conscientiam, sine peccato omitti
" non valent. Et cum [9] Christus solvit staterem, ut

[1] *timpanizanti* in MS.
[2] *Romans* xii. 19.
[3] *Michi* in MS.
[4] *opturet* in MS.
[5] 2 *Timothy* iv. 3.
[6] *set* in MS.
[7] *Matthew* xviii. 7.
[8] *garulat* in MS.
[9] *Matthew* xvii. 27.

" tolleret occasionem scandali, Apostolusque dixit se " citius abjurare comestionem carnium, quam scandali- " zaret suum fratrem, consulo, ut talia non faciat, quæ, " juxta jam dictam conscientiam, sine peccato omitti " possunt, et famæ nocere solent. Et licet ubi fama " læditur, teneatur, secundum jura, lædens ad restitu- " tionem, non consulo viro tam perfecto aliter agere " contra diffamantem, quam in pœnitentiæ foro, et cor- " reptione fraterna ; [1] sed semper, ut prius, cum Domino " sapiat quomodo patientes vincunt, qualiterque in in- " juriis qui ignoscunt, beatiores sunt, quam qui, secun- " dum jura, delinquentes puniunt, ut delinquunt. Et " [2] mihi, Pater, ignoscite, si erravi."

A Letter addressed to Thomas, Bishop of Durham.

" Præhonorabili in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino " [3] Thomæ Dunelmensi, regni Cancellario, suus ad vota " servulus, Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, pallium " laudis tribuere pro mœroris spiritu, oleumque gaudii " adjungere pro interiori luctu. Consolator humilium, " et pater præcipue oppressorum.—Cum modica [4] scis- " suræ læsio de facili in humano corpore putrescere " soleat in saniem, cui manus [5] negligens celere reme- " dium non apposuerit, nec medelam, hinc est, cum " dudum per Reverendi Patris et Domini, Domini pro " nunc [6] Lincolniensis Episcopi, assiduas et asperas com- " minationes nos sic læsos conquerimur, et gravatos, " ut nisi per altioris scientiæ, patientiæque, [7] sirurgi- " cum, gratiosæ consolationis nobis concedatur emplas- " trum, timemus nimium, et de verisimili conjicimus, " quod jam evaginatum nocendi gladium ulterius, post " comminatoria, vibrabit in verbera, brevemque pro

[1] *set* in MS.
[2] *michi* in MS.
[3] Thomas Langley.
[4] *cissuræ* in MS.
[5] *necligens* in MS.
[6] Richard Flemyng.
[7] *chirurgicum*, the classical form.

" nunc in nobis factam læsuram faciet pro tunc com-
" putrescere ulterius in saniem, et de sanie in cicatricis
" incurabilis plagam magnam.

" Quare, Pater, cum una sit omnium, tam regularium
" quam sæcularium, exemptorum quam non exempto-
" rum, Ecclesia Sancta Dei, in qua, juxta Sanctorum
" decreta Patrum, decet ut prælati omnes propriis sint
" contenti limitibus, nullusque in alterius injuriam pro-
" siliat, aut circumveniat in privilegiis sui juris ; [1] apud
" ipsam vestram Paternitatem, quam superius diximus,
" humilium solamen, refugiumque oppressorum, in omni
" effusione spiritus, unanimes, unoque ore, in nostra
" oppressione intercedimus, quatenus, pensatis hinc inde
" lædentis et læsi injuriis et pressuris, taliter nostris
" dignetur paci et quieti consulere, ut nec vulnus no-
" bis noceat, aut livor, qui parvæ consolationis non sit
" fotus oleo, nec plaga jura nostra percutiat, aut tumor,
" qui non sit ejusdem vestræ circumligatus [2] medica-
" mine caritatis.

" Et eo, Pater, viscerosius petimus in hac parte ex-
" audiri preces nostras, quo, si, [3] obturatis clementiæ
" auribus, clauseritis in præsenti viscera vestra a nobis,
" subjiciemus colla nostra jugo servilis oneris, dabimus-
" que in manus ejus, de qua non poterimus resurgere,
" absque auxilio sublevationis. Quod, Pater, licet pa-
" rum prodesset aliis, quia tamen fieret nobis perpetua
" captivatio libertatis, rogamus vos iterum in Domino,
" et obsecramus, quatenus, cum experiri non poterimus
" quomodo Dominus Lincolniensis vult nos aliter nunc
" dimittere, nisi in fortitudine manus altæ, per talia
" media fortificare nos [4] velitis, ut, in [5] absentia metuen-
" dissimi nostri Regis, super articulis cum præsentibus
" vobis missis nostræ infringere non [6] attentet privi-

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[1] *aput* in MS.
[2] *mediccamine* in MS.
[3] *opturatis* in MS.
[4] *vellitis* in MS.
[5] *absen* in MS.
[6] *attemptet* in MS.

" legia libertatis. Et Qui vocatur Admirabilis [1] Con-
" siliarius, Deusque fortis, vestrarum fortificet vires
" spirituum, pro tuitione justitiæ, et ecclesiasticæ
" libertatis."

A Letter written to a Dignitary, not named.

" Honorabili in Christo [2] Patri, ac Domino singulari,
" suus unus et unicus, Johannes, de Sancto Albano
" Abbas, in omni devotione spiritus hostiam honoris,
" sacrificiumque salutis. Recolende Pater, et Domine.
" —Quod in verisimilibus futuræ tempestatis indiciis
" jam signum sine signato pertransiit, et in figuralibus
" contestandæ litis petitionibus figuratum absque figura
" judicii aut strepitu nunc finivit, non sine illius in-
" stinctu spiritus, hoc, ut æstimo, actum erat, qui, cum
" nascitur, non recordatur, et cum in virga percutiat,
" spiritum levitatis non extinguit.

" Quoniam inter bifarias animæ vires, quæ, quadam
" proprietatis congruentia, dicuntur in virtutis latitu-
" dine extremales, cum medium, juxta [3] Heroicum, ratio
" propterea teneat, ne aut ira voluntariis feratur moti-
" bus, aut concupiscentia disponat in cordis visceribus
" ascensiones, non absque virtutis stimulo hoc factum
" fuit, ut cum, per nostri apocapationem juris, ad fla-
" gella virgam juris erigerent, ratio manum citra ver-
" bera retraheret, nec sineret conceptos in corde motus
" aliter in actum procedere, quam ut alterius paci con-
" sulerent, et cum utriusque justitia perfecte starent.
" Sane, Pater, cum sacra et insignis ecclesia nostra,
" quæ a suæ fundationis origine liberæ filia extiterat,
" et non [4] ancillæ, sponsum semper habuerit, et adhuc
" habet, privilegiatum in omni jure pontificii, in

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[1] *Isaiah* ix. 6.

[2] Probably the Bishop of Durham, addressed in p. 467.

[3] Ovid, *Metam.* ii. 137.

[4] In allusion to *Galatians* iv. 31.

" quantum per litteras Apostolicas fas est Abbati con-
" cedi, si, in enervationem hujusmodi jurium, aut con-
" cupiscentia cor pontificis subverteret, aut ira in
" indignationem quomodolibet se transferret, ne, per
" subversionem translationis, ecclesia jam dicta liberta-
" tem amitteret, quam [1] affectant omnes, necessitata ne-
" cessitabitur condescendere ex adverso, et coacta
" coangustabitur se murum opponere viriliter pro sua
" domo.

" Quod si per rationis discursum pastoris discretio
" hujusmodi virium motus, ut parvulos, allidat ad
" petram, ita quod non in alterius injuriam prosiliat,
" nec ultra proprios limites constituat sibi fines, erit
" suum omen in desiderio animæ, ipsumque nomen in
" memoriale [2] perenne.

" Igitur, ut vestram discant cum ratione justitiam
" omnes habitatores orbis, cum feceritis judicia vestra
" in terra, misereamini, Pater, nobis. Et vos, in mise-
" ricordia Plasmatoris, felicibus in ævum successibus
" valeatis."

A Letter addressed to the Prior of B[eaulieu].

" Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, [3] Johanni,
" Priori de B., post plenam gratiam et salutem, semper
" in causis agibilium ponere, cum Sapiente, prudentiæ
" vestræ modum. Fili in Christo carissime.—[4] Apud
" deliberatum rationis judicium, nec sanum nec sensa-
" tum censetur fore consilium, aut cum illo præcipi-
" tanter contendere, qui potens est ad nocendum, aut
" cum ipso litem libenter movere, qui continue, quasi
" percussuro similis, pugnum levat, et minatur bellum.

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[1] *effectant* in MS.
[2] *perhenne* in MS.
[3] The Prior of Beaulieu: see next page, and page 451 *ante*, Note 1.
[4] *Aput* in MS.

" Cum igitur contingat sæpiusquam in majori, ut " qui ampla gaudent latitudine [1] diœcesium, et patriam " habent ac populum sub suæ potestatis dominio in " multitudine constitutum, fame et framea laborent " [2] tyrannidis, ita quod eis in expansa [3] diœcesi nec " festa sufficiant, nec fercula, nisi ulterius alienæ juris- " dictionis tenues fines invadant, et in exemptos pro " aureis cibariis moveant plus quam [4] civilia bella; " licet contra has [5] famem et frameam parati sitis " magis mori quam patrias leges prævaricari, et, ut " descendamus ad speciem, licet malletis per arma " appellationis cum Domino Lincolniensi citius conten- " dere, quam vestræ exemptionis privari minimo jure, " non tamen consulimus, cum ipse dominus sit fortis " et potens, et dominus potens in prœlio, saltem in " hiis, si quæ talia sint, quæ ipse dominus exigit, et " vos, propter rupturam possessionis, contradicere non " potestis pleno titulo, ut ponatis ei obicem, [6] sed facia- " tis prout exigit, et tollatis indignationem a corde suo. " Non equidem prudentiam credimus canem irritare, si " dormire vellet; neque scientiam discernimus ipsius " animum ad lites impetere, qui prius factam contes- " tationem citra optatum in causa conquiescere non " intendit. Igitur, quamdiu, salvis nostris ac vestris " privilegiis, sibi placere poteritis, faciatis quod placens " est in oculis ejus. Cum vero absque privilegiorum " præjudicio placere ulterius non valetis, licet ille " amplius exigat, et de novo nova imponere non de- " sistat, vos tamen, cum reverentia qua decet, oppona- " tis ei privilegia, quibus, virtute juramenti, contraire " nullatenus vobis licet.

" Quod si sic non a pecuniarum exactione, nec a no- " vorum impositione, cessare velit, [6] sed præter famem

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[1] *diocesium* in MS.
[2] *tirannidis* in MS.
[3] *diocesi* in MS.
[4] In allusion to the commencing line of Lucan's *Pharsalia*.
[5] *famen* in MS.
[6] *set* in MS.

" jam dictæ [1] tyrannidis, veluti ulterius elanguens [2] hy-
" dropsis, quo plus [3] potat eo amplius sitiat, quousque
" aurum gustaverit pleno gutture, et sitim [4] sedaverit
" in calice [5] Babylonis, extunc per bellum missum sitis
" ei in odium, dummodo fiat pietas in Deum, et plenam
" per hoc vestra consequatur ecclesia libertatem. In
" omnibus tamen volumus vos morose agere, ut si
" mane prædam [6] comedens vespere spolia dividat, sit-
" que tandem de lupo agnus, et de Saulo factus Pau-
" lus, per utriusque nostrum [7] tolerantiam exemptionis."

A Letter addressed to Thomas Fishburne, Confessor of the House of Syon.

" Sinceræ devotionis viro, Thomæ, Confessori de
" Sancta Syon, Johannes, de Sancto Albano Abbas, in
" contradictione partium, immutabiliter credere eam,
" quæ sapit, cum Domino, veritatem. Venerabilis Pa-
" ter, Frater, et Domine, sinceriter prædilecte.—In ani-
" mam propriam quia ille realiter peccat, qui in pec-
" catis per verba malitiæ inhumaniter se excusat, ne
" ita propriæ salutis immemor aliquando ad tam
" [8] nefarium excusationis genus recurrerem, in quo cum
" ipse de facto peccaverim, de peccato incusarem alte-
" rum, et verbis, licet non operibus, me ostenderem
" innocentem, in hiis quæ [9] sequuntur, seclusis penitus
" subterfugiis, loquar vobis palam, et proverbium nullum
" dicam.

" Cum dudum Londoniis de [10] Pygmæo et paupere
" Priorulo Cellæ nostræ de Belvero, dives, utinam ac

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[1] *tirannidis* in MS.
[2] *idropisis* in MS.
[3] In allusion probably to Ovid's *Fasti*, l. l. 217 :—
" *Quo plus sunt potæ, plus sitiun-*
" *tur aquæ.*"
[4] *cedaverit* in MS.
[5] *Babilonis* in MS.
[6] *commedens* in MS., *Genesis*, xlix. 27.
[7] *tollerantiam* in MS.
[8] *nephariam* in MS.
[9] *sequntur* in MS.
[10] *Pigmæo* in MS.

" diligens, Dominus Lincolniensis querelas [1] mihi faceret " assiduas, eo quod, in suis præsentationibus et procu- " ratoriis, obedientiam sibi ab ipso Priore pro ecclesiis " ad extra de jure debitam non scriberet, prout faciunt, " quemadmodum asseruit, cæteri exempti omnes, ne " jacula tunc prævisa ferirent nos ulterius, sæpius " ipsum Dominum vocibus vivis, et rogatibus, fueram " humiliter deprecatus, ut oculo benevolo respiceret me " et meos, et semper paratus essem omnia sibi repen- " dere, quæ, salvis privilegiis, sint, aut essent, sui " juris.

" Posterius etiam, cum idem Dominus propinquius " ad nos accessit, et [2] apud villam suæ [3] Diœcesis de " Hertford sacros ordines daret, ut molli sermone " ipsius iram frangerem, ac etiam, in [4] abundantia, ut " tanto domino complacerem, misso eidem Domino usque " ad villam jam dictam nostro Archidiacono et Officiali " cum privilegiorum [5] transumpto, idipsum, quod prius " precibus in persona petieram, per eosdem fueram ite- " rum et iterum cum instantia deprecatus; cumque, " mea suaque deprecatione in aliquo non obstante, sta- " ret ipse Dominus in sua simplicitate, ne dicatur, sub- " tilitate, continue permanens, [1] mihique remitteret, ac " Capitulariter significari demandaret, quatinus peti- " tiones senarias seorsum in alia cedula, cum præsenti- " bus vobis missas, absque contradictione concederem, " alioquin in et super hiis mecum in judicio vellet " contendere, et, prout jura concedunt, movere litem; " quibus per proprios nuncios mihi palam expositis, et " de corde Præsulis ulterius inflexibili per preces suas, " tunc tandem, et non citerius, nec posterius, immo pro " tunc, nec contra, præter, aut ultra, veritatem, confin- " gendo seu conficiendo, [6] sed nuda duntaxat petita in

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[1] *michi* in MS.
[2] *aput* in MS.
[3] *Diocesis* in MS.
[4] *habundantia* in MS.
[5] *transsumpto* in MS.
[6] *set* in MS.

" stilo quo congruit articulando, juxta assistens pro
" tunc concilium, excogitaveram genera defendendi;
" postremo vero, evolutis diebus et [1] hebdomadis, cum
" sæpedictus Dominus iterum descendisset prope ad
" partes, et misisset pro nostro Archidiacono, causa,
" prout scripserat, communicationis cum eodem, conces-
" sissetque pro tunc primo in suis supersedere petitio-
" nibus, quousque insimul ipse et ego colloqui poterimus
" de titulo utriusque juris, litteratorias gratias ei direx-
" eram, et de facienda cum ecclesia de Sancto Albano
" per scripta [2] misericordia, et per credentiam super-
" sessionem, etiam satis humiliter exorabam; talia
" quippe, Pater, sub pœnalissima pœnarum pœna præ-
" cise fuerunt, et non alia, quæ a tempore concessæ
" supersessionis aut de dicto Domino confinxi aut
" fabricavi. Parcat igitur ei Deus, prout imprecatur
" iste, Pater, quem in hac parte parcere veritati minus
" pudet. Sane, Pater, si satis fertur vituperabile in
" criminoso criminaliter circumvento spinam de proprio
" pede abstrahere, et ipsam clandestine in socii talo
" configere, quid est quod dicemus de ipso pontifice,
" qui verba quæ ad increpandum composuit, imponere
" jam [3] molitur innocentiæ alienæ? Nonne, Pater, [4] iste
" per [5] Psalmistæ sententiam, ut per rationis examen,
" æquum est ut ipse in foveam cadat, qui foveam para-
" verat? illeque, qui in innocentia sua ingressus est,
" et pedem a rectitudine non reflexit, inter accusationes
" transeat sine crimine, et inter innocentes manus suas
" lavet?

" Igitur, Pater, cum non ipse qui seipsum justificat,
" teste [6] Apostolo, probatus est, [7] sed quem Deus com-
" mendat, quicquid de cætero scripserit Dominus Lin-

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[1] *ebdomadis* in MS.
[2] *misericordiam* in MS.
[3] *mollitur* in MS.
[4] *ista* in MS.
[5] *Psalms* vii. 15, lvii. 6.
[6] 1 *Corinthians* iv. 4.
[7] *set* in MS.

" colniensis, aut rescripserit, sustineatis, invoco, suppor-
" tantes modicum quid insipientiæ meæ, quousque
" audiveritis alteram partem, et Dominus, Qui revelat
" occulta tenebrarum, et manifestat consilia cordium,
" in contradictione partium, nudam vobis [1] apparuerit
" veritatem. Et cum sit via, vita, et veritas, per vos
" hunc corripiat, qui inter nos amplius a rectitudine
" deviat, et magis est contrarius veritati."

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[1] Qy. if not intended for "*aperuerit.*"

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A.

ABUTTARE, I. 100. To abut upon, to be close to.

ACHARON, I. 270. The city of Cairo, in Egypt.

ACOLYTATUS, II. 73. The state, or rank, of an acolyte.

ADVOCATIO, I. 465. An advowson.

AFFERENTIA, I. 302. Proportion.

AISIAMENTUM, I. 228. An easement, or right of enjoying; a legal term.

ALCAN, Engl., II. 332. Alkanet, a kind of bugloss.

AMARALLUS, I. 331. An Admiral.

AMBASSIATA, I. 335. An embassy.

AMBIDEXTRIA, I. 33. The offence of a judge, juryman, or officer, who takes bribes from both sides.

AMBULARE, II. 320. To amble.

AMEDON, Engl., II. 331. Fine flour rinsed in water, and dried in the sun.

AMORTIZARE, I. 302. To amortize; to render free from the operation of the Statutes of Mortmain.

AMORTIZATIO, I. 302. An amortization; freedom from the effects of the Statutes against Mortmain.

ANACHORISSA, II. 257. An anchoress, or female anchorite, or anachorite.

ANCILLATIO, I. 433. The position of a bondwoman.

ANEMELATUS, I. 453. Enamelled.

ANTIPHONARIUM, I. 455. An Antiphonar, or book containing Antiphons, or anthems.

APPORTA, I. 46. APPORTUS, I. 74. A tax, or tribute.

APPUNCTUARE, I. 415; APUNCTUARE, I. 345. To appoint.

ARAAS, I. 426. Arras. *Pannus de Araas*, "cloth of Arras."

ARCHARIUS, I. 183. An archer.

ARMARIOLUM, I. 430. A small aumbry, or cupboard.

ARRAIARE, I. 207. To array, to draw up.

ATTACHIAMENTUM, I. 207. Attachment, arrest.

ATTINCTA, I. 33. Attaint; the Writ of Attaint lay to enquire whether a jury had given a false verdict.

AURICULATOR, I. 170. A whisperer; but *see* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 442.

AVAUNTAGIUM, II. 204. An advantage.

AVISAMENTUM, I. 51; AVISIAMENTUM, I. 300. Advice, recommendation.

B.

BACALLARIATUS, II. 173. Bachelorship; the status, or degree, of a Bachelor, in the Universities.

BACHILATRIA, II. 387. Service of Bacchus, drunkenness.

BACULATUS, I. 423. Endowed with the pastoral staff.

BALATRANTES, I. 391. Probably for *blaterantes*, "babbling." The classical word "*balatrones*," means knaves, or outcasts.

BANNI, II. 171. Bans of marriage.

BARRA, I. 67. A bar, or hindrance.

BASSUS, I. 385. Low.

BLANCHEPUDRE, Fr., II. 332. A white powder; its composition is probably now unknown. Various powders are mentioned in Pegge's *Forme of Cury* (ed. 1780).

BLODIUS, I. 470. Sanguine, of blood colour.

BOATICUS, I. 387. Noisy, loud.

BOBINANTES, I. 410. Boasting, bragging. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 447.

BOTERIA, II. 181. A buttery; the place where the butts of liquor were kept.

BOTOR, Engl., II. 330. A bittern, formerly used for food.

BRACIATOR, II. 336. A brewer.

BRASARIA, I. 103; BRASERIA, II. 336. A malthouse, or, a brewery.

BRAVIALIS, I. 429. Rewarded with victory: from "*bravium*," a corrupt form of "*brabium*," or "*brabeum*," a reward of victory.

BRUERA, I. 391. A heath, a place overgrown with briars. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 447.

BULTELLUS, II. 332. A bultel, or boulting-cloth, for flour, when ground at the mill.

BUMBARDUS, I. 276. A bombard, or cannon.

BUNDA, I. 101. A bound, or boundary.

BURGAGIUM, I. 236. Burgage; the free tenure, so called, by which the citizens of London and other places held of the king, by a rent certain.

C.

CALIX, II. 180. A chalice.

CAMBIPARTIA, I. 196. Champerty, an agreement with one of the parties to a suit, to have part of the land, or other thing, sued for; the champertor, in return, carrying on the suit at his own expense.

CANTARIA, I. 74. A chantry.

CAPELLULA, I. 388. A small chapel.

CAPELLULATUS, I. 388. Endowed with a small chapel, or curacy.

CAPICIUM, I. 291. A hood.

CAPPA, I. 452. A cope.

CAPUTIUM, II. 311. A hood.

CARACA, I. 330. A carrack, or merchant-ship.

CARCOSIUM, II. 341. A carcass.

CARECTA, I. 43. A cart.

CARECTARIUS, II., 337. A carter.

CARECTATA, I. 194. A cartload.

CARIARE, II. 326. To carry.

CARISTIA, I. 461. Dearness of provisions; dearth.

CARKOYS, Engl., II. 332. Carcasses.

CASULA, I. 324. A chasuble, or cassock.

CATALLA, I. 31. Chattels, or personal property.

CENTO, I. 377. A cushion, perhaps so called from being of various colours.

CHACEWORK, Engl. II. 181. Metal of chased workmanship.

CHACIA, II. 20. A chase.

CHIMINAGIUM, I. 43. Toll due for having a way through a forest.

CHRONOGRAPHUS, I. 350. A chronicler, a writer of annals.

CINCINNIUM, I. 270. The head; apparently, as being covered with hair.

CINOMIA, I. 358. Qy. as to the meaning of this word; an insect, apparently, is meant.

CIPHIFER, II. 290. A cupbearer.

CLAMARE, II. 320. To claim.

COBA, II. 313. A cob, or loaf; in some parts of England, loaves are still so called.

CŒLATURA, I. 453. The ceiling of an apartment.

CŒNOBIALIS, I. 453. Conventual, living in common.

COLLATERALIS, I. 184. One that stands by the side of, a henchman.

COLOURS, Engl., II. 332. Colouring matter, here, for victuals.

COMPASSIONARI, I. 177. To have compassion on.

COMPAUSARE, I. 138. To rest, to enjoy repose.

COMPOSSESSOR, I. 464. A copartner, or coparcener.

COMPOTUS, I. 102. An account; the usual form of what would be, more correctly, "*computus*."

COMYN, Eng., II. 332. Cummin-seed.

CONCURRENTIA, I. 377. A crowding, or pressing together. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 446.

CONSILIUM, I. 307. A council, or, according to Hearne, a councillor.

CONTUENTIA, I. 377. A general aspect. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 446.

COOPERCULUM, I. 453. A cover, or covercle.

COPIA, I. 185. A copy, a transcript of a document.

COQUINARIUS, I. 12. A kitchener, an Abbey officer who presided over the kitchen and its arrangements; a manciple.

CORESPONSIVUS, I. 430. Corresponding.

CORRODIUM, I. 73. A corrody, or stated allowance, by a religious body, of money, or meat, drink, and clothes; mostly granted by religious bodies to nominees of sovereigns, but sometimes to other persons.

CRESTATIO, I. 424. A cresting, or ornamental margin of the ridge of a roof.

CROFTUM, I. 100. A croft, a small close adjoining a dwelling-house, either for pasture or arable.

CULCITRA, I. 377, classically, CULCITA. A cushion.

CURTILAGIUM, I. 224. A curtilage, or courtyard.

D.

DAMPNE, Engl., II. 274. Equivalent to "Dan," the title applied to ecclesiastics, below the degree of Master of Arts; derived from the Latin "*Dominus*," or "*Dompnus*."

DEAMBULATORIUM, I. A porch, or lobby, covered over, for walking in.

DECIES TANTUM, I. 33. A Writ under Stat. 38 Edward III. c. 12, against a juror who has taken money of either party, to recover *ten times* the sum so taken.

DEFORCIANS, I. 210. A deforciant; the technical term used by the party by whom the conveyance is made, on levying a fine.

DENARIUS AUREUS, I. 322. A golden angel of King Henry the Sixth, according to Hearne.

DENTRIX, I. 43. Some kind of fish, probably, the nature of which is now unknown.

DEPATRISSARE, I. 220. To degenerate, to be unlike one's father.

DESCUS, I. 424. A desk.

DESIDERABILIS. I. 301. Desirous of.

DIAMPNIS, I. 9. Probably, the disease known as "diabetes."

DISCUS, II. 331. A dish.

DISLANIATOR, I. 272. A slayer.

DISTEMPERANTIA, I. 163. A bad state of health. I. 290. Dislike, disfavour.

DISTRICTIO, II. 197. Distraint, distress.

DOMUNCULA, I. 169. A small house; a shop, in this instance.

DRAGMA, I. 326. Heaps, or quantities; "gems or handfuls," according to Hearne.

DREGEMUNDUS, I. 270. A dromund, or large ship of war.

E.

ELEEMOSYNARIUS, I. 12. An almoner, or dispenser of alms.

ENTERMES, Fr., II. 342. Probably, drink, or other refreshment, given to workmen between meals.

ESCAETUM, I. 463. Escheat.

ESCAPIUM, I. 196. An escape.

ESSERTUM, I. 309. Assart, land lately brought into cultivation.

ESTALLAMENTUM, I. 198. An instalment. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 443.

EXAMEN, II. 474. Examination, perception.

EXCAMBIUM, I. 221. Exchange.

EXTRANEARE, I. 184. To estrange, to banish.

EYNE, Engl., II. 316. Some part of the machinery of a mill.

F.

FALSARIUS, I. 337. A forger.

FEIRA, I. 421. A fair.

FERRURA, II. 200. The shoeing of a horse, or, the profits arising therefrom.

FIRMA, I. 477. A farm-house.

FLACHE, Fr. II. 339. A dam, in a river.

FOCALE, I. 194. Fuel, provision for the hearth.

FORISFACTURA, I. 307. Forfeiture.

FORSTALLARIA, I. 33. Forestalling; the offence of buying goods and merchandize on its way to a market, or fair.

FRANCIPLEGIUM, I. 237. Frankpledge. *See* the Glossary to the *Liber Custumarum*, in this Series, p. 727.

FRATERNATIO, I. 324. Fraternity, or brotherhood, with.

FRUNITOR, I. 169. A tanner, or currier. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 442.

G.

GACES, II. 331. Qy. as to the meaning of this word.

GALATINE, Eng., II. 332. A sauce made of galingale, or sweet cyperus. *See* Pegge's *Forme of Cury* (ed. 1780), p. 137.

GALEA, I. 270. A galley.

GALINGALE, Engl., II. 331. Sweet cyperus.

GARDROPA, I. 457. A wardrobe; a room for keeping clothes in, and for the same uses as a "lavatory," at the present day.

GENTILICUS, I. 397. Gentile, heathen.

GERSUMARE, II. 334. Either, to purchase land outright for life, or to pay a yearly sum for it, as stipulated.

GILOFRES, Engl., II. 331. Cloves.

GINGIVERE, Eng., II. 331. Ginger.

GISTARIUS, II. 27. A patient who requires to be moved on a litter.

GRADUALIS LIBER, I. 475. A Gradal, or Grail; a Service-book, so called from the prayer chanted *gradatim* after the Epistle; the choir-book for singing Mass.

GRANELLULUM, I. 321. A small grain.

GRAVA, I. 223. A grove.

GRECULUS, II. 394. A little flock.

GRENEYERD, I. 154. The "Greenyard;" a name formerly given to the burial-ground of Norwich Cathedral.

GREVE, Engl., II. 218. A form of the word "reve," or "reeve;" a bailiff, in Latin "*præpositus*," in old French "prevost."

GROSSUM, I. 246. The gross sum; *in grosso*, "in the whole."

GROSSUS, I. 94. A groat, a coin so called.

H.

HAIA, I. 188. A hedge.

HANAPERIUM, I. 232. The Hanaper, or Hanaper Office; an office in the Court of Chancery, where writs, it is said, were originally kept in a hamper, "*in hanaperio*."

HERBAGIATIO, I. 467. The growing of herbage, or grass.

HEREMITORIUM, II. 271. A hermitage.

HEYRUN, Engl., II. 330. A heron, formerly used as food.

HICTICUS, I. 270. A ship of some kind ; perhaps, a merchant-ship.

HISSIRUS, I. 270. Probably, a galley.

HORULA, II. 382. A short hour.

HOSPITATIO, I. 246. Lodging, or housing.

HOSTIARIUS, II. 311. An usher, or keeper of the door.

HULCA, I. 369. A hulk, a large vessel.

HUNDREDARIUS, II. 205. A hundredor, or officer who summons the hundred.

I.

IMBRACIARIA, I. 88. Embracery, an attempt to influence a jury corruptly. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 441.

IMPARCARE, II. 112. To impound.

IMPARCATIO, I. 462. An inclosing as a park.

IMPLACITATIO, I. 361. An impleading for.

INFAMATIO, I. 178. A charge made against.

INGENEROSUS, I. 160. Ungentlemanly.

INGENIUM, I. 276. An engine.

INGRANGIARE, I. 432. To store grain in a grange.

INGRANGIATIO, I. 432. A storing of grain in a grange. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 447.

INSIMULTARE, I. 167. To collect, or group, together.

INSULTATIO, I. 299. An assault, or attack.

INTRARE, II. 326. To get in.

IRROTULARE, I. 69. To enrol.

J.

JUSTEE, Fr., II. 327. A jugful, as much as a jug will hold.

JOCALE, I. 468. A jewel.

K.

KAYUM, I. 228. A quay.

L.

LARDARIUM, II. 342. A larder, or bacon-house.

LAUDARE, I. 306. To award.

LAUDUM, I. 305. An award.

LETA, I. 418. A Leet, or Court leet; probably corresponding with the Folkmote of Saxon times.

LEVARE FINEM, I. 137. To levy a fine, to convey by fine.

LIBERATA, II. 159. A livery ; suits of clothes of one pattern, given out, or *delivered*, by the great to their retainers, were thus styled.

LIBERATIO, II. 339. A livery, or dole, of victuals, delivered from the kitchen.

LICENTIARE, II. 261. To license, or give leave.

LIGAMEN, II. 181. A cup-bond, or rim of metal for a mazer, or cup, made mostly of wood.

LIGIANTIA, I. 184. Allegiance.

LITTERALIS, I. 5. Addicted to literary pursuits.

LOCUPLEBILITAS, I. 107. Richness; indication of wealth.

LOCUTORIUM, II. 313. A parlour, or room for conversation: *Johannes de Locutorio*, "John, the servant of the Parlour."

LUPUS AQUATICUS, II. 342. A pike; so called from its voracious habits.

M.

MACHINAMENTUM, I. 408. An implement, a device.

MANDATUM, II. 339. A maundy, or dole of victuals.

MANERIUM, I. 255. A lordship: *Manerium Hiberniæ*, the "Lordship of Ireland;" the Kings of England, as Hearne remarks (*see* Vol. I., p. 444) having formerly only the title of "Lords of Ireland."

MANUTENENTIA, I. 33. Maintenance, the unlawful upholding of a cause, or person.

MENESTRALLUS, II. 330. A minstrel, or player.

MERCHETTUM. II. 326. Merchet; a fine, or composition, paid by an inferior tenant to his superior lord, for liberty to give his daughter in marriage; and, probably, for leave to dispense with the labour of his sons on the lord's land.

MESPRISIO, I. 33. Misprision; an offence arising from contempt, or oversight.

MILLESIES, I. 180. A thousand times.

MINUTÆ DECIMÆ, I. 475. Small tithes.

MINUTIO, I. 459. A bleeding, or letting blood.

MONIALIS, I. 61. A nun.

MORA, I. 46. A marshy place, or mere. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 441.

MORULA, I. 168. A short delay, or space of time.

MULTO, II. 341. A sheep, or mutton.

MURDRARE, II. 11. To murder.

MURREUS, I. 456. Made of mazer, maslin, or mixed materials, metal and wood.

N.

NATIVA TERRA, I. 100. Land held by, and appropriated to the use of the *nativi*, or born bondmen, of the superior lord.

NATIVUS, II. 55. A native, or born bondman, a bondman by birth.

NOTTE (Engl.), II. 181. Cocoa-nut, a cup made of that material.

NOVERCARE, I. 414. To act like a stepmother, to treat unkindly; a word that may almost be deemed classical, having been used as early as the time of Sidonius Apollinaris.

NUGÆGERULUS, II. 385. A trifler.

O.

OBAUDIRE, I. 145. To refuse to hear, or listen to. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 441, and the Glossary to the *Annales* of Amundesham, Vol. II., p. 488.

OBEDIENTIARIUS, II. 318. An obedientiary ; a person who held authority in a Convent in his own department, but himself owed obedience to the Abbot.

OPERARIUS, II. 342. A workman, or labourer.

ORATORIUM, II. 269. An oratory, or place for prayer, a small chapel,

ORGANISTA, II. 335. An organist.

ORIOLUM, I. 456. An oriel: possibly here, the gallery over the entrance to the refectory: *see*, however, the Glossaries to the *Gesta Abbatum* and the *Annales* of Amundesham, *s. v. Oriolum.*

OSTIARIUS, I. 26. A doorkeeper, or usher.

P.

PANDOXATORIUM, I. 458. A brew-house.

PARADELLA, I. 148. Probably, a kind of darnel ; *see* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 441.

PARASCEUE, I. 87. The Day of Preparation ; Good Friday, or Holy Friday.

PARCELLULA, I. 158. A little parcel, or piece.

PARCENARIUS, II. 329. A parcener, or partner.

PARIFORMITER, II. 72. In like manner.

PARLIAMENTUM, I. 396. Conversation, discourse; meeting for discourse in the parlour of a Convent.

PARTIONARIUS, II. 361. A parcener, or partner.

PAXATORIUM, II. 180. A paxbread, or paxboard ; a tablet of wood or metal, ornamented with some sacred device, and used in the service of the Mass. *See* Way's *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 388.

PECIA, I. 456. A piece of plate.

PERDONARE, I. 86. To pardon.

PERDONATIO, I. 86. A pardon, or pardoning.

PERHENDINARE, I. 97. To tarry, to remain.

PERSONA, II. 271. A parson of a parish.

PHIALA, I. 427 ; II. PHIOLA, 180. A cruet.

PICTURATIO, I. 476. Painting.

PIETAS, I. 157. Pity.

PITANCIA, I. 459. A pittance, or stated allowance of victuals for two months.

PLASMATOR, I. 174. A maker, or creator.

PLESAUNCE, I. 50. The Pleasance ; a manor-house, at Greenwich, belonging to the Royal family, was so called.

PLUMBUM, II. 342. A cauldron, or boiler, made principally of lead.

POMPATICUS, I. 387. Proud, boastful.

PRÆCONISARE, II. 153; PRÆCONIZARE, II. 32. To summon by cry, to præconize.

PRÆCONIZATIO, II. 31. Summons by cry, or proclamation.

PRÆDOTARE, I. 459. To endow beforehand.

PRÆMUNIRE, II. 48. To warn beforehand.

PRECARIA, II. 325. A bederepe, or biderepe; a right on part of the superior lord to demand of the freeholders of the manor a certain number of days' service in reaping his corn.

PREHENDINATIO, I. 332. A waiting, or tarrying.

PRISA, I. 43. Prisage, or duty due to the King, on wines imported.

PROLOCUTOR, I. 136. A Speaker, in Parliament.

PROPRIARE, I. 468. To appropriate for, to acquire for.

PROPRIATOR, I. 468. One who appropriates.

PROPRIETARIA, I. 191. A female proprietor.

PROPRIETARIE, II. 387. In the form of property.

PROPRIETAS, I. 111. The holding of private property, forbidden to the Monastic Orders. II. 129, 387. Private property, property in a thing.

PULVERIZARE, I. 470. To powder, or sprinkle with.

PUNTFREINT, II. 345. Pontefract, or Pomfret, in Yorkshire.

Q.

QUÆSTIONARE, I. 126. To question, to enquire.

QUÆSTIONATIO, I. 343. A questioning.

QUARRERA, I. 465. A stone quarry.

QUERELANS, I. 210. A complainant; the formal term used by the party to whom conveyance is to be made, on levying a fine.

QUIETUM-CLAMARE, I. 210. To quit-claim, to ensure against all further claim.

QUOTATOR, I. 350. A reckoner, or adder up of.

R.

RABIARE, II. 311. To make a noise, to display violence and ill temper.

REGARDUM, II. 200. A reward.

REGRATARIA, I. 33. Regrating, the offence of buying to sell again in the same market.

REGRATIATORIUS, I. 312. Conveying thanks.

RELAXATIO, I. 204. A release.

REMEDIARE, I. 25. To remedy.

REMEMORATOR, I. 61. A remembrancer.

REPRISA, I. 211. Reprise; deduction from the gross rental, for rentcharge and annuities.

RESPECTUARE, I. 198. To respite, to put off.

RETORNARE, I. 238. To return, to give in.

RETORNATIO, I. 365. A return.

REVENTUS, I. 250. Rent; revenue. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 444.

REVESTITUS, I. 389. Shifted to better clothes.

REYSINS, Engl., II. 330. Raisins.

RHYTHMUS, II. 312. This may possibly mean, here, an exercise in construction, or parsing.

RYS, Engl., II. 331. Rice.

S.

SACE, Engl., II. 332. A fine sieve.

SACRISTA, II. 27. A Sacrist, or Sacristan; the original form of the present word "Sexton."

SALSARIUM, I. 456. A salt-cellar.

SALSERIUM, II. 331. Probably, here, a sauce-boat, or sauce-dish.

SARABAITA, I. 140. A monk who wanders about. *See* Hearne's Note, Vol. I., p. 441, as to the possible origin of this obscure word.

SARCLARE, II. 324. To hoe, or weed the ground.

SARTRIA, II. 336. The sartry, or tailor's department, in a Monastery.

SCACCI CAMERA, I. 77. The Chamber of the Chequer; meaning, the Exchequer.

SCEDULA, I. 312. Paper, or parchment, for writing on.

SCHOLÆ, I. 130. The Schools; a name by which the Universities were called.

SCUTUM, II. 361. Scutage; a contribution by those who held lands by knight-service.

SECTA, I. 31. A suing, or suit. II. 197. A suit, or pattern, as appropriated to followers of a certain class; in this instance, the Abbot's gentlemen.

SECURARE, I. 95. To assure.

SEISINA, I. 35. Seisin, actual possession of land, or real property.

SEPTIMANA, I. 194. A week.

SEQUELA, II. 76. A following; meaning family, or issue.

SERIOSE, I. 471. In a series, at length.

SIGNACULUM, I. 449. A seal.

SIGNETUS SECRETIOR, I. 162. The Privy Seal.

SORORITAS, II. 6. Sisterhood, the state of being a sister in a society.

SPECIES, II. 28. Spices; under which name conserves and dried fruits were included, with various "groceries" of the present day.

STERLINGUS CORONATUS, II. 342. A crown sterling.

STILBON, I. 174. Probably, the star Mercury.

STREPPUM, I. 33. Estrepement, waste committed by a tenant for life, in woods or ploughland, to the detriment of him in reversion.

STRICTITUDO, I. 103. Stinginess, parsimony.

STUDIUM, I. 24, 462. A University; that of Oxford is here meant. I. 457. A study, or room for study.

STUDIUM GENERALE, I. 474. A University.

SUB-HOSTIARIUS, II. 311. An under-usher, or under-keeper of the door.

SUBOSCUS, I. 43. Underwood.

SYMBOLUM, I. 280. A Creed; a name given to the three Creeds, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Creed of St. Athanasius.

T.

TABELLIONATUS, II. 313. The office, or duties, of a Notary Public.

TALLIA, I. 58. A tallage, or contribution.

TASSARE, II. 325. To stack, or make into a stack.

TEGULATOR, II. 338. A tiler, or reeder; one who covers with tiles or reeds.

THISSWE (Engl.), I. 324. Tissue.

TOFTUM, I. 158. A toft, or place where a house has formerly stood.

TRIATUS, I. 209. Tried, proved; used in reference to the qualification of jurors, as to whether they are likely to act without partiality.

TUNICATIO, I. 216. An outside covering.

TUNICULA, I. 324. A tunicle, or little tunic.

U.

UTLAGATUS, I. 31. Outlawed.

UTLEGARIA, I. 201. Outlawry.

UTLEGATIO, I. 202. The state of being outlawed.

V.

VADIA, II. 200. Wages.

VALECTUS, II. 246. A vallet, servant, or waiting-man.

VALITURA, I. 185. State, being.

VASTUM, I. 33. Waste.

VELLE, I. 402. Will, strong desire.

VELUETUM, I. 475. Velvet.

VENELLA, I. 100. A lane.

VICARIUM, I. 344. Qy. as to the meaning here of this word.

VILLATA, I. 35, 252. Hearne says that this word means, a collection, or group, of vills. *See* Vol. I., p. 444.

VINTRIA, I. 457. The Vintry, a place at St. Alban's where wine was sold.

VIRGATA TERRÆ, I. 229. A virgate of land; according to Kennett's *Glossary*, it contained 24 acres.

VITELLARIUS, I. 295. A victualler, one who supplies with victuals, or the necessaries of life.

VITRIATIO, I. 424. A glazing, or putting in of glass windows.

W.

WAPENTACHIUM, I. 254. A wapentake.

WARANTIZARE, I. 195. To warrant, to guarantee.

WARDEROBARIUS, I. 324. A wardrober, or keeper of the wardrobe.

WARENTUM, I. 324. A warrant, or order.

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of England to the year 1366. The continuation extends the history down to the coronation of Henry V. The Eulogium itself is chiefly valuable as containing a history, by a contemporary, of the period between 1356 and 1366. The notices of events appear to have been written very soon after their occurrence. Among other interesting matter, the Chronicle contains a diary of the Poitiers campaign, evidently furnished by some person who accompanied the army of the Black Prince. The continuation of the Chronicle is also the work of a contemporary, and gives a very interesting account of the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV. It is believed to be the earliest authority for the statement that the latter monarch died in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster.

10. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE SEVENTH: Bernardi Andreæ Tholosatis Vita Regis Henrici Septimi; necnon alia quædam ad eundem Regem spectantia. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. 1858.

The contents of this volume are—(1) a life of Henry VII., by his poet laureate and historiographer, Bernard André, of Toulouse, with some compositions in verse, of which he is supposed to have been the author; (2) the journals of Roger Machado during certain embassies on which he was sent by Henry VII. to Spain and Brittany, the first of which had reference to the marriage of the King's son, Arthur, with Catharine of Arragon; (3) two curious reports by envoys sent to Spain in the year 1505 touching the succession to the Crown of Castile, and a project of marriage between Henry VII. and the Queen of Naples; and (4) an account of Philip of Castile's reception in England in 1506. Other documents of interest in connexion with the period are given in an appendix.

11. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE FIFTH. I.—Vita Henrici Quinti, Roberto Redmanno auctore. II.—Versus Rhythmici in laudem Regis Henrici Quinti. III.—Elmhami Liber Metricus de Henrico V. *Edited by* CHARLES A. COLE, Esq. 1858.

This volume contains three treatises which more or less illustrate the history of the reign of Henry V., viz.: A Life by Robert Redman; a Metrical Chronicle by Thomas Elmham, prior of Lenton, a contemporary author; Versus Rhythmici, written apparently by a monk of Westminster Abbey, who was also a contemporary of Henry V. These works are printed for the first time.

12. MUNIMENTA GILDHALLÆ LONDONIENSIS; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, et Liber Horn, in archivis Gildhallæ asservati. Vol. I., Liber Albus. Vol. II. (in Two Parts), Liber Custumarum. Vol. III., Translation of the Anglo-Norman Passages in Liber Albus, Glossaries, Appendices, and Index. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1859–1862.

The manuscript of the *Liber Albus*, compiled by John Carpenter, Common Clerk of the City of London in the year 1419, a large folio volume, is preserved in the Record Room of the City of London. It gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of that City in the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and early part of the fifteenth centuries.

The *Liber Custumarum* was compiled probably by various hands in the early part of the fourteenth century during the reign of Edward II. The manuscript, a folio volume, is also preserved in the Record Room of the City of London, though some portion in its original state, borrowed from the City in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and never returned, forms part of the Cottonian MS. Claudius D. II. in the British Museum. It also gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of the City of London in the twelfth, thirteenth, and early part of the fourteenth centuries.

13. CHRONICA JOHANNIS DE OXENEDES. *Edited by* Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H. 1859.

Although this Chronicle tells of the arrival of Hengist and Horsa in England in the year 449, yet it substantially begins with the reign of King Alfred, and

comes down to the year 1292, where it ends abruptly. The history is particularly valuable for notices of events in the eastern portions of the kingdom, which are not to be elsewhere obtained, and some curious facts are mentioned relative to the floods in that part of England, which are confirmed in the Friesland Chronicle of Anthony Heinrich, pastor of the Island of Mohr.

14. A Collection of Political Poems and Songs relating to English History, from the Accession of Edward III. to the Reign of Henry VIII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A. 1859–1861.

These Poems are perhaps the most interesting of all the historical writings of the period, though they cannot be relied on for accuracy of statement. They are various in character; some are upon religious subjects, some may be called satires, and some give no more than a court scandal; but as a whole they present a very fair picture of society, and of the relations of the different classes to one another. The period comprised is in itself interesting, and brings us, through the decline of the feudal system, to the beginning of our modern history. The songs in old English are of considerable value to the philologist.

15. The "Opus Tertium," "Opus Minus," &c., of Roger Bacon. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1859.

This is the celebrated treatise—never before printed—so frequently referred to by the great philosopher in his works. It contains the fullest details we possess of the life and labours of Roger Bacon: also a fragment by the same author, supposed to be unique, the "*Compendium Studii Theologiæ.*"

16. Bartholomæi de Cotton, Monachi Norwicensis, Historia Anglicana; 449–1298: necnon ejusdem Liber de Archiepiscopis et Episcopis Angliæ. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1859.

The author, a monk of Norwich, has here given us a Chronicle of England from the arrival of the Saxons in 449 to the year 1298, in or about which year it appears that he died. The latter portion of this history (the whole of the reign of Edward I. more especially) is of great value, as the writer was contemporary with the events which he records. An Appendix contains several illustrative documents connected with the previous narrative.

17. Brut y Tywysogion; or, The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

This work, also known as "The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales," has been attributed to Caradoc of Llancarvan, who flourished about the middle of the twelfth century. It is written in the ancient Welsh language, begins with the abdication and death of Caedwala at Rome, in the year 681, and continues the history down to the subjugation of Wales by Edward I., about the year 1282.

18. A Collection of Royal and Historical Letters during the Reign of Henry IV. 1399–1404. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1860.

This volume, like all the others in the series containing a miscellaneous selection of letters, is valuable on account of the light it throws upon biographical history, and the familiar view it presents of characters, manners, and events. The period requires much elucidation; to which it will materially contribute.

19. The Repressor of over much Blaming of the Clergy. By Reginald Pecock, sometime Bishop of Chichester. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Churchill Babington, B.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1860.

The "Repressor" may be considered the earliest piece of good theological disquisition of which our English prose literature can boast. The author was born

about the end of the fourteenth century, consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph in the year 1444, and translated to the see of Chichester in 1450. While Bishop of St. Asaph, he zealously defended his brother prelates from the attacks of those who censured the bishops for their neglect of duty. He maintained that it was no part of a bishop's functions to appear in the pulpit, and that his time might be more profitably spent, and his dignity better maintained, in the performance of works of a higher character. Among those who thought differently were the Lollards, and against their general doctrines the "Repressor" is directed. Pecock took up a position midway between that of the Roman Church and that of the modern Anglican Church; but his work is interesting chiefly because it gives a full account of the views of the Lollards and of the arguments by which they were supported, and because it assists us to ascertain the state of feeling which ultimately led to the Reformation. Apart from religious matters, the light thrown upon contemporaneous history is very small, but the "Repressor" has great value for the philologist, as it tells us what were the characteristics of the language in use among the cultivated Englishmen of the fifteenth century. Pecock, though an opponent of the Lollards, showed a certain spirit of toleration, for which he received, towards the end of his life, the usual mediæval reward—persecution.

20. Annales Cambriæ. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

These annals, which are in Latin, commence in the year 447, and come down to the year 1288. The earlier portion appears to be taken from an Irish Chronicle, which was also used by Tigernach, and by the compiler of the Annals of Ulster. During its first century it contains scarcely anything relating to Britain, the earliest direct concurrence with English history is relative to the mission of Augustine. Its notices throughout though brief, are valuable. The annals were probably written at St. Davids, by Blegewryd, Archdeacon of Llandaff, the most learned man in his day in all Cymru.

21. The Works of Giraldus Cambrensis. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vols. V. and VI. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1861–1873.

These volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John, and attempted to re-establish the independence of Wales by restoring the see of St. Davids to its ancient primacy. His works are of a very miscellaneous nature, both in prose and verse, and are remarkable chiefly for the racy and original anecdotes which they contain relating to contemporaries. He is the only Welsh writer of any importance who has contributed so much to the mediæval literature of this country, or assumed, in consequence of his nationality, so free and independent a tone. His frequent travels in Italy, in France, in Ireland, and in Wales, gave him opportunities for observation which did not generally fall to the lot of mediæval writers in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and of these observations Giraldus has made due use. Only extracts from these treatises have been printed before, and almost all of them are taken from unique manuscripts.

The Topographia Hibernica (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus' two visits to Ireland. The first in the year 1183, the second in 1185–6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. Curious as this treatise is, Mr. Dimock is of opinion that it ought not to be accepted as sober truthful history, for Giraldus himself states that truth was not his main object, and that he compiled the work for the purpose of sounding the praises of Henry the Second. Elsewhere, however, he declares that he had stated nothing in the Topographia of the truth of which he was not well assured, either by his own eyesight or by the testimony, with all diligence elicited, of the most trustworthy and authentic men in the country; that though he did not put just the same full faith in their reports as in what he had himself seen, yet, as they only related what they had themselves seen, he could not but believe such credible witnesses. A very interesting portion of this treatise is devoted to the animals of Ireland. It shows that he was a very accurate and acute observer, and his descriptions are given in a way that a scientific naturalist of the present day could hardly improve upon. The Expugnatio Hibernica was written about the year 1188 and may be regarded rather

as a great epic than a sober relation of acts occurring in his own days. No one can peruse it without coming to the conclusion that it is rather a poetical fiction than a prosaic truthful history.

Vol. VI. contains the Itinerarium Kambriæ et Descriptio Kambriæ.

22. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Wars of the English in France during the Reign of Henry the Sixth, King of England. Vol. I., and Vol. II. (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1861–1864.

The letters and papers contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from originals or contemporary copies extant in the Bibliothèque Impériale, and the Depôt des Archives, in Paris. They illustrate the line of policy adopted by John Duke of Bedford and his successors during their government of Normandy, and such other provinces of France as had been acquired by Henry V. We may here trace, step by step, the gradual declension of the English power, until we are prepared to read of its final overthrow.

23. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, according to the several Original Authorities. Vol. I., Original Texts. Vol. II., Translation. *Edited and translated by* Benjamin Thorpe, Esq., Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Munich, and of the Society of Netherlandish Literature at Leyden. 1861.

This Chronicle, extending from the earliest history of Britain to the year 1154, is justly the boast of England; for no other nation can produce any history, written in its own vernacular, at all approaching it, either in antiquity, truthfulness, or extent, the historical books of the Bible alone excepted. There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In this edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography, whether arising from locality or age.

24. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Reigns of Richard III. and Henry VII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* James Gairdner, Esq. 1861–1863.

The Papers are derived from MSS. in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and other repositories. The period to which they refer is unusually destitute of chronicles and other sources of historical information, so that the light obtained from these documents is of special importance. The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III.; correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.

25. Letters of Bishop Grosseteste, illustrative of the Social Condition of his Time. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The Letters of Robert Grosseteste (131 in number) are here collected from various sources, and a large portion of them is printed for the first time. They range in date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.

26. Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts relating to the History of Great Britain and Ireland. Vol. I. (in Two Parts); Anterior to the Norman Invasion. Vol. II.; 1066–1200. Vol. III.; 1200–1327. *By* Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. 1862–1871.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials, when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not

under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. This arrangement has two advantages; the materials for any given period may be seen at a glance; and if the reader knows the time when an author wrote, and the number of years that had elapsed between the date of the events and the time the writer flourished, he will generally be enabled to form a fair estimate of the comparative value of the narrative itself. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which the original portions are distinguished from those which are mere compilations. When possible, the sources are indicated from which such compilations have been derived. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice has also been given of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. Royal and other Historical Letters illustrative of the Reign of Henry III. Vol. I., 1216–1235. Vol. II., 1236–1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. Shirley, D.D., Regius Professor in Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862–1866.

The letters contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from the ancient correspondence formerly in the Tower of London, and now in the Public Record Office. They illustrate the political history of England during the growth of its liberties, and throw considerable light upon the personal history of Simon de Montfort. The affairs of France form the subject of many of them, especially in regard to the province of Gascony. The entire collection consists of nearly 700 documents, the greater portion of which is printed for the first time.

28. Chronica Monasterii S. Albani.—1. Thomæ Walsingham Historia Anglicana; Vol. I., 1272–1381: Vol. II., 1381–1422. 2. Willelmi Rishanger Chronica et Annales, 1259–1307. 3. Johannis de Trokelowe et Henrici de Blaneforde Chronica et Annales, 1259–1296; 1307–1324; 1392–1406. 4. Gesta Abbatum Monasterii S. Albani, a Thoma Walsingham, regnante Ricardo Secundo, ejusdem Ecclesiæ Præcentore, compilata; Vol. I., 793–1290: Vol. II., 1290–1349: Vol. III., 1349–1411. 5. Johannis Amundesham, Monachi Monasterii S. Albani, ut videtur, Annales; Vols. I. and II. 6. Registra quorundam Abbatum Monasterii S. Albani, qui sæculo xv^mo^ floruere; Vol. I., Registrum Abbatiæ Johannis Whethamstede, Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, iterum susceptæ; Roberto Blakeney, Capellano, quondam adscriptum: Vol. II., Registra Johannis Whethamstede, Willelmi Albon, et Willelmi Walingforde, Abbatum Monasterii Sancti Albani, cum Appendice, continente quasdam Epistolas, a Johanne Whethamstede Conscriptas. *Edited by* Henry Thomas Riley, Esq., M.A., Cambridge and Oxford; and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1873.

In the first two volumes is a history of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., written by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of St. Albans and prior of the cell of Wymundham, belonging to that abbey. It is printed from MS. VII. in the Arundel Collection in the College of Arms, London, a manuscript of the fifteenth century, collated with MS. 13 E. IX. in the King's Library in the British Museum, and MS. VII. in the Parker Collection of Manuscripts at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

In the third volume is a Chronicle of English History, attributed to William Rishanger, monk of Saint Albans, who lived in the reign of Edward I., printed from the Cottonian Manuscript, Faustina B. IX. (of the fourteenth century) in the British Museum, collated with MS. 14 C. VII. (fols. 219–231) in the King's Library, British Museum, and the Cottonian Manuscript, Claudius E. III., fols. 306–331: Also an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol by Edward I., 1291–1292, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., attributed to William Rishanger above mentioned, but on no sufficient ground: A short Chronicle of English History,

from 1292 to 1300, by an unknown hand, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A short Chronicle from 1297 to 1307, Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi Regis Angliæ, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library, and MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., with an addition of Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1299, 1300, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1295 to 1300, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: and a fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1285 to 1307, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library.

In the fourth volume is a Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer, 1259 to 1296, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: Annals of Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe a monk of St. Albans, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henricus de Blaneforde, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A full Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer of St. Albans, 1392 to 1406, from MS. VII. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; and an account of the benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the fifteenth century, from MS. VI. in the same Library.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh volumes contain a history of the Abbots of St. Albans, and of the fortunes and vicissitudes of the house, from 793 to 1411, mainly compiled by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of the Abbey in the reign of Richard II.; from MS. Cotton. Claudius E. IV., in the British Museum; with a Continuation, from the closing pages of the Parker MS. No. VII., in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

The eighth and ninth volumes, in continuation of the Annals, contain a Chronicle, probably written by John Amundesham, a monk of St. Albans.

The tenth and eleventh volumes relate especially to the acts and proceedings of Abbots Whethamstede, Albon, and Wallingford, and may be considered as a memorial of the chief historical and domestic events occurring during those periods.

29. Chronicon Abbatiæ Eveshamensis, Auctoribus Dominico Priore Eveshamiæ et Thoma de Marleberge Abbate, a Fundatione ad Annum 1213, una cum Continuatione ad Annum 1418. *Edited by* the Rev. W. D. Macray, M.A., Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from its foundation by Egwin, about 690, to the year 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey, such as but rarely has been recorded. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history which will be read with much interest. This work exists in a single MS., and is for the first time printed.

30. Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ. Vol. I., 447–871. Vol. II., 872–1066. *Edited by* John E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863–1869.

The compiler, Richard of Cirencester, was a monk of Westminster, 1355–1400. In 1391 he obtained a licence to make a pilgrimage to Rome. His history, in four books, extends from 447 to 1066. He announces his intention of continuing it, but there is no evidence that he completed any more. This chronicle gives many charters in favour of Westminster Abbey, and a very full account of the lives and miracles of the saints, especially of Edward the Confessor, whose reign occupies the fourth book. A treatise on the Coronation, by William of Sudbury, a monk of Westminster, fills book iii. c. 3. It was on this author that C. J. Bertram fathered his forgery, *De Situ Brittaniæ*, in 1747.

31. Year Books of the Reign of Edward the First. Years 20–21, 21–22, 30–31, and 32–33. *Edited and translated by* Alfred John Horwood, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1873.

The volumes known as the "Year Books" contain reports in Norman-French of cases argued and decided in the Courts of Common Law. They may be considered to a great extent as the "lex non scripta" of England, and have been held in the highest veneration by the ancient sages of the law, and were received by them as the repositories of the first recorded judgments and dicta of the great

legal luminaries of past ages. They are also worthy of the attention of the general reader on account of the historical information and the notices of public and private persons which they contain, as well as the light which they throw on ancient manners and customs.

32. Narratives of the Expulsion of the English from Normandy, 1449–1450.—Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conferences between the Ambassadors of France and England. *Edited, from MSS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A., of University College, Durham. 1863.

This volume contains the narrative of an eye-witness who details with considerable power and minuteness the circumstances which attended the final expulsion of the English from Normandy in the year 1450. The history commences with the infringement of the truce by the capture of Fougères, and ends with the battle of Formigny and the embarkation of the Duke of Somerset. The whole period embraced is less than two years.

33. Historia et Cartularium Monasterii S. Petri Gloucestriæ. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. H. Hart, Esq., F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie. 1863–1867.

This work consists of two parts, the History and the Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Peter, Gloucester. The history furnishes an account of the monastery from its foundation, in the year 681, to the early part of the reign of Richard II., together with a calendar of donations and benefactions. It treats principally of the affairs of the monastery, but occasionally matters of general history are introduced. Its authorship has generally been assigned to Walter Froucester, the twentieth abbot, but without any foundation.

34. Alexandri Neckam de Naturis Rerum libri duo; with Neckam's Poem, De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A. 1863.

Neckam was a man who devoted himself to science, such as it was in the twelfth century. In the "De Naturis Rerum" are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam was not thought infallible, even by his contemporaries, for Roger Bacon remarks of him, "this Alexander in many things wrote what was true and useful; "but he neither can nor ought by just title to be reckoned among authorities." Neckam, however, had sufficient independence of thought to differ from some of the schoolmen who in his time considered themselves the only judges of literature. He had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs, and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century. The poem entitled "De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ" appears to be a metrical paraphrase or abridgment of the "De Naturis Rerum." It is written in the elegiac metre; and though there are many lines which violate classical rules, it is, as a whole, above the ordinary standard of mediæval Latin.

35. Leechdoms, Wortcunning, and Starcraft of Early England; being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest. Vols. I., II., and III. *Collected and edited by* the Rev. T. Oswald Cockayne, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1864–1866.

This work illustrates not only the history of science, but the history of superstition. In addition to the information bearing directly upon the medical skill and medical faith of the times, there are many passages which incidentally throw light upon the general mode of life and ordinary diet. The volumes are interesting not only in their scientific, but also in their social aspect. The manuscripts from which they have been printed are valuable to the Anglo-Saxon scholar for the illustrations they afford of Anglo-Saxon orthography.

36. Annales Monastici. Vol. I. :—Annales de Margan, 1066–1232 ; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066–1263 ; Annales de Burton, 1004–1263. Vol. II. :—Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519–1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1–1291. Vol. III. :—Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1–1297 ; Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia, 1042–1432. Vol. IV. :—Annales Monasterii de Oseneia, 1016–1347 ; Chronicon vulgo dictum Chronicon Thomæ Wykes, 1066–1289 ; Annales Prioratus de Wigornia, 1–1377. Vol. V. :—Index and Glossary. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registrary of the University, Cambridge. 1864–1869.

The present collection of Monastic Annals embraces all the more important chronicles compiled in religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are ten in number. The extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432, although they refer more especially to the reigns of John, Henry III., and Edward I. Some of these narratives have already appeared in print, but others are printed for the first time.

37. Magna Vita S. Hugonis Episcopi Lincolniensis. From Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the Imperial Library, Paris. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work contains a number of very curious and interesting incidents, and, being the work of a contemporary, is very valuable, not only as a truthful biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic, but as the work of a man, who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs. The author, in all probability, was Adam Abbot of Evesham. He was domestic chaplain and private confessor of Bishop Hugh, and in these capacities was admitted to the closest intimacy. Bishop Hugh was Prior of Witham for 11 years before he became Bishop of Lincoln. His consecration took place on the 21st September 1186 ; he died on the 16th of November 1200 ; and was canonized in 1220.

38. Chronicles and Memorials of the Reign of Richard the First. Vol. I. :—Itinerarium Peregrinorum et Gesta Regis Ricardi. Vol. II. :—Epistolæ Cantuarienses ; the Letters of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury ; 1187 to 1199. *Edited by* William Stubbs, M.A., Vicar of Navestock, Essex, and Lambeth Librarian. 1864–1865.

The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London. The narrative extends from 1187 to 1199 ; but its chief interest consists in the minute and authentic narrative which it furnishes of the exploits of Richard I., from his departure from England in December 1189 to his death in 1199. The author states in his prologue that he was an eye-witness of much that he records ; and various incidental circumstances which occur in the course of the narrative confirm this assertion.

The letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, are of value as furnishing authentic materials for the history of the ecclesiastical condition of England during the reign of Richard I. They had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury, who saw in it a design to supplant them in their function of metropolitan chapter. These letters are printed, for the first time, from a MS. belonging to the archiepiscopal library at Lambeth.

39. Recueil des Croniques et anchiennes Istories de la Grant Bretaigne a present nomme Engleterre, par Jehan de Waurin. Vol. I.,

Albina to 688. Vol. II., 1399–1422. *Edited by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864–1868.

40. A COLLECTION OF THE CHRONICLES AND ANCIENT HISTORIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, NOW CALLED ENGLAND, by JOHN DE WAVRIN. Albina to 688. (Translation of the preceding Vol. I.) *Edited and translated by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864.

This curious chronicle extends from the fabulous period of history down to the return of Edward IV. to England in the year 1471, after the second deposition of Henry VI. The manuscript from which the text of the work is taken is preserved in the Imperial Library at Paris, and is believed to be the only complete and nearly contemporary copy in existence. The work, as originally bound, was comprised in six volumes, since rebound in morocco in 12 volumes, folio maximo, vellum, and is illustrated with exquisite miniatures, vignettes, and initial letters. It was written towards the end of the fifteenth century, having been expressly executed for Louis de Bruges, Seigneur de la Gruthuyse and Earl of Winchester, from whose cabinet it passed into the library of Louis XII. at Blois.

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This is one of the many mediæval chronicles which assume the character of a history of the world. It begins with the creation, and is brought down to the author's own time, the reign of Edward III. Prefixed to the historical portion, is a chapter devoted to geography, in which is given a description of every known land. To say that the Polychronicon was written in the fourteenth century is to say that it is not free from inaccuracies. It has, however, a value apart from its intrinsic merits. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth. The differences between Trevisa's version and that of the unknown writer are often considerable.

42. LE LIVERE DE REIS DE BRITTANIE E LE LIVERE DE REIS DE ENGLETERE. *Edited by* JOHN GLOVER, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treatises, though they cannot rank as independent narratives, are nevertheless valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians, especially "Le Livere de Reis de Engletere." Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonized French.

It is supposed that Peter of Ickham must have been the author, but no certain conclusion on that point has been arrived at.

43. CHRONICA MONASTERII DE MELSA, AB ANNO 1150 USQUE AD ANNUM 1406. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* EDWARD AUGUSTUS BOND, Esq., Assistant Keeper of the Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866–1868.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is both curious and valuable. It is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country. In addition to the private affairs of the monastery, some light is thrown upon the public events of the time, which are however kept distinct, and appear at the end of the history of each abbot's administration. The text has been printed from what is said to be the autograph of the original compiler, Thomas de Burton, the nineteenth abbot.

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The exact date at which this work was written is, according to the chronicler, 1250. The history is of considerable value as an illustration of the period during which the author lived, and contains a good summary of the events which followed the Conquest. This minor chronicle is, however, based on another work (also written by Matthew Paris) giving fuller details, which has been called the "Historia Major." The chronicle here published, nevertheless, gives some information not to be found in the greater history.

45. Liber Monasterii de Hyda: a Chronicle and Chartulary of Hyde Abbey, Winchester, 455–1023. *Edited, from a Manuscript in the Library of the Earl of Macclesfield, by* Edward Edwards, Esq. 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources, which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify—either from tradition or from sources of information not now discoverable—the statements, which, in substance, he adopts. He also mentions, and frequently quotes from writers whose works are either entirely lost or at present known only by fragments.

There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and Mediæval English.

46. Chronicon Scotorum: a Chronicle of Irish Affairs, from the Earliest Times to 1135; with a Supplement, containing the Events from 1141 to 1150. *Edited, with a Translation, by* William Maunsell Hennessy, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1866.

There is, in this volume, a legendary account of the peopling of Ireland and of the adventures which befell the various heroes who are said to have been connected with Irish history. The details are, however, very meagre both for this period and for the time when history becomes more authentic. The plan adopted in the chronicle gives the appearance of an accuracy to which the earlier portions of the work cannot have any claim. The succession of events is marked, year by year, from A.M. 1599 to A.D. 1150. The principal events narrated in the later portion of the work are, the invasions of foreigners, and the wars of the Irish among themselves. The text has been printed from a MS. preserved in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, written partly in Latin, partly in Irish.

47. The Chronicle of Pierre de Langtoft, in French Verse, from the earliest Period to the Death of Edward I. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A. 1866–1868.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and that he lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum," in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, down to the death of Henry III., and in the third a history of the reign of Edward I. The principal object of the work was apparently to show the justice of Edward's Scottish wars. The language is singularly corrupt, and a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

48. The War of the Gaedhil with the Gaill, or, The Invasions of Ireland by the Danes and other Norsemen. *Edited, with a Translation, by* James Henthorn Todd, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University, Dublin. 1867.

The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an undoubtedly ancient original. That it was compiled from contemporary materials has been proved by curious incidental evidence. It is stated in

the account given of the battle of Clontarf that the full tide in Dublin Bay on the day of the battle (23 April 1014) coincided with sunrise; and that the returning tide in the evening aided considerably in the defeat of the Danes. The fact has been verified by astronomical calculations, and the inference is that the author of the chronicle, if not himself an eye-witness, must have derived his information from those who were eye-witnesses. The contents of the work are sufficiently described in its title. The story is told after the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas, with poems and fragments of poems introduced into the prose narrative.

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This work has long been justly celebrated, but not thoroughly understood until Mr. Stubbs' edition. The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied little, and not always judiciously. From 1170 to 1192 is the portion which corresponds with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (*see* No. 49); but it is not a copy, being sometimes an abridgment, at others a paraphrase; occasionally the two works entirely agree; showing that both writers had access to the same materials, but dealt with them differently. From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work; it is extremely valuable, and an authority of the first importance.

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William of Malmesbury's "Gesta Pontificum" is the principal foundation of English Ecclesiastical Biography, down to the year 1122. The manuscript which has been followed in this Edition is supposed by Mr. Hamilton to be the author's autograph, containing his latest additions and amendments.

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